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PREFACE.

The present volume of the Calendar of the Treasury Papers commences with a new dynasty, and extends from 1st of August 1714 to the end of 1719, during which period the Treasury Board was six times changed. A foreign king now ascended the throne with the disadvantage of knowing so little of the language of the people he was called to govern that papers of importance, which he was required to consider, had to be translated into French for his perusal. Not a few outstanding arrears of the late reign had to be dealt with by the Lords of the Treasury. Many appointments conferred in that reign, although they did not terminate abruptly with the Queen's life, were only prolonged by a wise enactment (6 Anne, c. 7. s. 8), which continued the holder six months in office after the death of the sovereign. The applications for renewal of such appointments had to be considered, together with the circumstances which had led to the boon being conferred, as well as fresh applications from those who were anxious for the honour of serving the Crown. These latter, as may be supposed, were never slow to express their admiration for the Hanoverian succession, and if they were able to show that they had contributed, however slightly, to bring it about, they took care to make the most of the service they or their friends had rendered.

The papers arising in any Government department at one time will necessarily have a certain amount of general resemblance to those arising at another, and those under consideration are no exception to that rule. In previous volumes it was found that claimants did not easily obtain what was due to them, and the Treasury, whether presided over by a Lord High Treasurer or by Commissioners, seems not at this period to have been more lavish in its dealings with the numerous applicants for its favours than in previous times. As an illustration it is found that the Commissioners of Chelsea Hospital were complaining that pensioners were begging about the street (CLXXX. 30). It is not perhaps to be expected that we should discover in the papers an admission on the part of the Board that any applicant had understated his case. We are much more likely to find that their Lordships resisted applications which appear to have had a great amount of justice about them. It seems hardly fair that such a man as Dr. Henry Newton, Envoy Extraordinary to the Great Duke of Tuscany and the Republic of Genoa, should have been kept out of arrears for his services amounting to 2,600*l*. (CLXXX. 17). It must, however, be borne in mind that to form a really just judgment we should have been present at the Treasury and have heard the reasons advanced for withholding what was asked for; and even then we must go a little further and become acquainted with the influence brought to bear on the Lord Treasurer or at a subsequent time on the members of the Board. Far from all this we are often only made acquainted with the decisions without knowing anything of the intermediate steps that led up to them.

The minutes of their Lordships are much more frequently found written on the papers than at a previous date, and the entries in the Minute Books are proportionally few, being chiefly confined to weighty affairs. The rule (if there was one) followed by those who kept the books as to what should or should not be entered is not very apparent. As to the great mass of the papers, the only notices that there are in the Minute Books of the transactions in them are entries such as, "Papers are read and minutes taken thereupon." Although the minutes on these papers, except in a few instances, are not entered in the *Minute Books*, there is another set of Treasury volumes entitled: "Memorials, " petitions, and other papers read before the Right Hon^{ble} " the Lords Comm^{rs} of his Ma$^{ty's}$ Treasury, and the directions given by their Lord^{ps} thereupon," and in these, so far as the books are extant, the minutes are entered.

The Treasury Board, which was constituted on the 13th of October in the first year of the reign of King George the First, made various "orders for the more regular " keeping of papers and dispatch of business at the " Treasury." These apportion the duties of the four chief clerks, the first of whom was: "To receive all petitions, " and when they are read to enter y^{e} answers that shall " be indorsed thereupon in a book to be kept for that " purpose, and to prepare such letters or references as " shall be directed. Also to lay up such peticons as shall " have received final answers, and when a second peticon " shall be brought by any suitor, after one has been " answered, he is to return it back or tear it; and like- " wise to enter in the said book the orders or resolucons " of the Lords of the Treasury, which shall be written or " endorsed upon any reports, letters, or memorials, upon " reading thereof before their Lord'ps."

Their Lordships also made other regulations for the dispatch of business "according to the orders hung up in Treasury." These consisted of a settlement of what was to be done on each day of the week. (See *Minute Book*, Vol. XX., pp. 29 to 32.)

Other orders for "the dispatch of business" were made on 22nd March 171$\frac{7}{8}$, when their Lordships resolved to sit on "Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, " and not to meet on Saturdays or Mondays unless upon

" extraordinary occasions." (See *Minute Book*, Vol. XXII., p. 1).

In the preface to the last volume (p. x) it was noticed that many papers of but little interest had been dealt with in a very brief manner. It has been thought desirable at the beginning of a new reign to condense the description of such papers still further by placing them in tables which will be found at the end of each year. This has a double advantage, first, in collecting those of little worth into a brief space, and second, in letting those that remain, which are of more worth, stand out more prominently. The selection perhaps might have been carried still further.

In previous volumes the subjects which the papers illustrate have been placed under heads, and that method of drawing attention to them has again been pursued.

EVENTS OF HISTORICAL INTEREST.

THE CATTLE PLAGUE.

Among the events of domestic historical interest referred to in the present volume is that of the Cattle Plague, which broke out at the end of the year 1714. It seems to have fallen very heavily on the cowkeepers in the neighbourhood of London, more particularly on the northern side. It spread from Poplar in the east, to St. James's and St. Margaret's, Westminster, in the west, and was very infectious. The justices for Middlesex were entrusted with such remedial measures as it was thought proper to take, and they sent five reports to the Treasury between 6th November and 14th December (Vol. CLXXXII. 39). They speak of it as a new disease, and one that was very malignant and infectious, and they give a theory as to how it might have been developed, although they do not appear to have had a very strong belief in their theory. They confess that no medicine had been found effectual as a remedy. For the prevention of the spread of the disease they state that whilst they had authority they bought, burnt, and buried the sick cows, this being in accordance with an Order in Council of 6th December 1714 (Vol. CLXXXII. 38) which directed their burial with a good depth of earth, and that the justices should keep an account of their numbers. The remedial measures they tried without effect are detailed. The sick were separated from the healthy, and the cowhouses were purified with pitch, tar, and lime wash. The compensation to the owners for the cattle slaughtered to prevent the spread of the disease was 40*s.* a head, the same being paid out of the Civil List until it became too heavy to admit of its continuance. It is somewhat remarkable that in the great outbreak in 1865, Islington was the first place in which the disease was noticed (see *First Report of the Commissioners on the Cattle Plague*, p. v), and this was one of the places which suffered badly in 1714. The disease is also supposed to be the same (see *ib.*, p. viii.). It is not less remarkable that medical science has not from that time to this advanced much, either in the detection of the subtle cause of the disease or in the discovery of a remedy for it. At both periods to isolate, destroy, and bury was pretty nearly all that could be done with any certainty of being effective.

THE REBELLION OF 1715.

Not a few documents in the present volume trace their origin to the uprising in the north of England and in Scotland in favour of the Pretender. The following particulars touching on the Rebellion have been gleaned from them, viz. :—

Measures were taken for the examination of all passengers by ships (CXCI. 23).

Mobs in the city of London for the proclamation of the Pretender were organised. Their designs are detailed (CC. 33).

Four thousand pounds were carried off by the rebels when they were at Enster (Scotland) by the want of circumspection of the collector at Anstruther (CC. 22).

His Majesty's money was removed into the castle of Edinburgh in consequence of the disturbed state of the country (CXCII. 26).

Ten thousand pounds were ordered to be paid by the Receivers General of the Land Tax and Customs and the Commissioners of Excise to the Duke of Argyle, for a month's subsistence of the forces (CXCII. 77).

Most of the country north of the Forth was in the hands of the rebels, and the south of the Forth was overrun by them. The Commissioners of Excise reported that the revenue had been collected by the rebels (CXCII. 82).

If the statement of Thomas Wells in his petition can be relied on, he was the first discoverer of the Rebellion in April 1715. He gave a great deal of information to the Government, and according to his own account he was in daily attendance on Lord Townshend when the Rebellion was at its height, but it does not seem that his services had advanced his own interests (CCXXI. 48).

Captain Williamson claimed 15*l.* for going express from Brussels to London by way of Calais with the first news of the Pretender (CXCIII. 40).

Colonel Thomas Harrison had a warrant signed for 500*l.* for bringing the news from the Duke of Argyle to the King, of the victory obtained over the rebels in Scotland, near Dumblain (31 Dec. 1715, CXCIV. 19).

Five hundred pounds were also given to Major James

Stewart, who brought the news that the rebels had abandoned Perth (CXCVIII. 37).

On the failure of the rising in favour of the Pretender, the stewards and other officers of the lords and gentlemen captured at Preston hastened to raise what money they could from the estates of the latter; and the attorney and solicitor-general made a report as to what the law would allow to be done by them in that direction. Their report was to guide the proceedings of the Treasury solicitor (CXCVIII. 29).

As the result of the prosecution of the rebels in Lancashire, 34 of them were executed (*see* ? about 20 Aug. 1716, Vol. CC. 11).

The wives of some of those who joined the cause of the Pretender were made to feel the bitterness of rebellion. Their jointures and settlements availed them but little when their husbands' properties were confiscated. Though the Barons of the Exchequer of Scotland and the Attorney-General in England seemed disposed to take a kindly view of their case, the Lords of the Treasury were unable to help them (18 and 22 July 1718, CCXIV. 60 and 63).

It cost the Government 40*s*. a head to transport to the West Indies the rebels taken at Preston. Sir Thomas Johnson, who was the contractor, made a bargain that they should serve him or his assigns in any of the plantations for seven years (CXCVIII. 54 and 72).

The rebels appear to have been transported very carelessly, for the masters of the ships suffered them to escape when they landed in Ireland. Some of them, being taken on shore at Cork, talked very impudently and treasonably. As they would have done mischief, the Sheriff of Cork was ordered to take them on board again. There appear to have been 118 of this cargo (taken at Preston) bound for

Virginia. Another cargo of them put in at Waterford, and met with great encouragement (CC. 16). Forty-five others were taken to Montserrat (CC. 43).

The mayor and burgesses of Berwick-upon-Tweed applied for compensation on behalf of 20 owners of property whose houses had been demolished for the safety of the garrison (CXCIX. 20).

The Earl of Breadalbane claimed 3,610*l.* 8*s.*, besides two years' rent of his grounds, his house having been garrisoned for two years (CCXI. 18).

Patrick Strachan of Glenkindy petitioned the King for the return of considerable sums expended by him in frustrating the traitorous designs of the Earl of Mar, who tried to seduce him from his allegiance; but he gave information of the rebellious measures of the Earl, and being a volunteer at Stirling was taken at the battle of Sheriff Muir by the Earl, and treated in a most barbarous manner. By his directions the rebels in the Highlands were disarmed (CCXIII. 64).

Mr. Baron Fortescue and Mr. Laurence Carter, two of His Majesty's counsel, claimed 500*l.* a-piece for their services in trying the prisoners at Carlisle (CCVII. 6); and Nicholas Paxton, attorney, went to Scotland to collect evidence against the Scotch prisoners who were tried at Carlisle. He wanted to be Solicitor to the Stamp Office, but the place was disposed of (CCXI. 14).

Mr. William Pitt, the keeper of the gaol at Newgate, received about 70 of the rebels brought from Preston, and about 30 more from the Tower and the Fleet Prison. He complains of their spitefulness in destroying their bedding and furniture, and that they were too poor to pay him anything (CCVII. 54). Another paper of a later date (CCIX. 21) gives some further particulars of their sojourn with this gaoler, who was himself tried for his life for allowing a prisoner to escape, but was acquitted. (*See Smollett's History of England*, Vol. VIII., p. 197.)

SCOTLAND.

Attention has been drawn in the previous volumes to the difficulty of inducing the Scotch to acquiesce in the measures taken for bringing their system of administration into harmony with ours, and entries in the present volume show that the difficulty still continued. Mobs in various parts of the country overawed the Collectors of Customs, so that they were afraid to do their duty. Insufficiency of military force is complained of, and the town guards in Edinburgh are stated to have been ever backward in giving assistance to the officers of Customs, rather hindering than forwarding the seizures (CLXXXIX. 1, CXCI. 3). Where the officers were energetic enough to attempt the discharge of their duty they were overpowered and the goods carried off. The Lords of Justiciary evidently sided with the wrongdoers, so as to render prosecutions useless (CXC. 14). A party of Col. Clayton's regiment in charge of goods thus seized by the officers at Inverness were attacked by an armed force. A corporal was killed and a private wounded. A similar attack was reported from Glasgow (CCXV. 43).

COLONIAL HISTORY.

Historical and other information in respect to African and other colonies is found in a paper of the Royal African Company (undated, but apparently belonging to the beginning of the reign of George I.). It states, among other details, that the trade commenced in the reign of King James I., and that each European nation excluded all others from its fortified territories. The first Company built three small forts, but were beaten out by the Dutch in the war of 1665. The new Company, in 1672, proposed to buy out the former Company, and King Charles II. granted them all the coasts and lands in Africa between Cape Verd and the Cape of Good Hope for 1,000 years, in order that they might secure the whole trade from the French, Dutch, and other Europeans. The Company subscribed 698,418*l*., built 14 new forts, &c., and excluded other Europeans. The happy effect of which was the cheapness with which they bought negroes in Africa and sold them in America. The Company's property in the lands and coasts was founded upon these principles, viz., that no subject of Great Britain could gain for himself a property by conquest or occupancy of lands in barbarous countries; that it was the prerogative of the Crown to grant the property of lands in barbarous countries to such of its subjects as could conquer or gain possession of them; and that this prerogative had been constantly exercised in granting the lands as well in America, as in Barbadoes, Virginia, Maryland, Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Jamaica. The Company complains of interlopers coming in by authority of Parliament, and asserts that trade could never be beneficially carried on without compelling the natives to deal with the Company only. The "bitter fruit of this open trade" had raised negroes to an excessive dearness in Africa; even about four times the former price (CLXXXV. 59).

In levying the revenue, complications between the home government and the Assembly at New York at this early period (1719) are shadowed forth. The Assembly, it is stated, had taken the whole management of what was raised for the support of his Majesty's Government out of the hands of the officers of the Crown and put it under a particular administration of its own, "contrary to the "ancient practice and natural dependence which that "colony ought to have upon the government here." This, it is further said, would render the royal prerogative precarious, and the continuance of such an encroachment must in time make the colony independent of the Crown (CCXXI. 40).

Papers relating to the survey of the coast of Newfoundland, on which Captain William Taverner was engaged, give a good deal of historical and other information as regards the fishery, &c. in that and surrounding districts, which was then causing difficulties between this country and the French (CLXXX. 30, CCVI. 35, CCXV. 14).

The Poor Palatines.

In the last volume some account was given of the poor Palatines who flocked over to this country. A number of them were sent over to, and settled in, Ireland. In the present volume are some further particulars of this portion of them. As they were ignorant of the law, they had neither taken an oath required of them nor been naturalized; and so they could not, without the help of Parliament, enjoy their leases. There were then 230 families, all of whom had farms, which they had taken on lease (except a few tradesmen who had settled in Dublin). They were employed very industriously in raising hemp and flax and in other husbandry (CLXXXVII. 25). The Commissioners, who had the care of them, were making efforts in the spring of 1715 to get their case considered by the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. A great part of them were in a starving condition, and there was a difficulty in keeping them in the country until they could receive his Majesty's answer (CLXXXVIII. 7). Lord Galway says that they improved the manufactures and strengthened the Protestant interest in Ireland (CC. 20). In the year 1717, 200 more Wirtembergers and Palatines were sent to Rotterdam, at a cost of 10*s.* a head and 10*s.* more on their arrival (CCVIII. 40).

ADMINISTRATIVE PRACTICE.

Elaborate papers illustrative of administrative practice are not frequently to be met with among the Treasury papers. The following, however, though of minor importance, may be worthy of consideration.

A minute on a letter of 17th September 1714 seems to mark a departure from powers of control exercised by the Treasury at an earlier date (*see* Vol. XXIX. 22 and 68) over the assessments of taxes and salaries in as much as Mr. Wm. Blathwayt, Clerk of the Council, who was threatened with process for 53*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* for an assessment on his place, had this minute of the Lord Treasurer put on his application :—" 22 7^{br} 1714. My Lord thinks he " cannot protect any person legally ag^{t} paym't of any sum " assessed on him : if he is illegally assessed, he may " plead it in the Excheq^{r}. His Lo^{p} is unwilling to make a " precedent w^{ch} might be very prejudicial." (CLXXX. 61.)

The petition under date 29th November 1714 (CLXXXII. 26) shows that the Lords of the Treasury were setting their faces against bargaining for the resignation of places. Mr. Edw. Pauncfort had paid 3,500*l.* to Lord Howe for the surrender to him of the Controllership of Excise. Pauncfort afterwards, as he says, had been prevailed on by the late Lord Treasurer to quit his office and accept that of cashier to make way for the present Controller, by which means a Mr. Meriton, the cashier, was reimbursed 4,000*l.*, which he had " laid down " to succeed a Mr. Hall. Pauncfort was about to be removed from being cashier, and wanted an equivalent for what he had paid, but their Lordships' minute was not in his favour :—" 29 Nov. 1714. " The place is already disposed of, and my L^{ds} do not think " fit there should be any money given for employm^{ts} in " y^{e} revenue."

The Commissioners of Customs also discouraged the system of buying out officers, and they were supported by their Lordships. The reasons the Commissioners give are that the succeeding person's salary would be less than that of other officers of the same rank, and would be more likely to cause exactions by him in his office to make up for what he had been obliged to pay out of his salary (CLXXXIX. 43).

The Commissioners for collecting Stamp Duties observe (CLXXXVII. 21) that the principal in every office might expect to receive more than any one under him, and that the giving a larger salary to inferior officers than to their superiors made them insolent and less under command. They thought also that for the future no person above 40 years of age, nor anyone that was not sound and perfect in his limbs, should be admitted to employment, as several had been brought in who were aged and infirm, and were a hindrance to business by their disability to discharge their duties, and were a burthen instead of an assistance to their fellow officers.

An attempt to get rid of the payment of a pension granted for a term and to substitute a composition is illustrated in the case of John Walker, Esq., the son of Dr. George Walker, the Governor of Londonderry. He had been promised 2,000*l.*, but only received a pension of 200*l.* a year, which was recommended to be increased to 300*l.* for 21 years certain. Their Lordships' minute is:—"14th "June 1715. If y^{e} 2,000*l.* be a well grounded demand, "my Lords think it more advisable that the 2,000*l.* should "be paid off than that 300*l.* a year should be granted for "21 years" (CXC. 25.)

A trial was to be made in the Post Office of the effect of appointing surveyors for certain of the main roads to check the frauds and abuses of the inferior officers. The result was to be reported to their Lordships (CXC. 26). The Postmaster General represents that this inspection of the six main roads had been put in execution. He touches also upon the abuse of franking, and the matter was to be further considered (CCVI. 29).

The Treasury Board can hardly be accused of want of forbearance in proceeding to extremities with those under their control, if the case of the well-known Sir Richard Steele can be considered a specimen. As one of the Commissioners for Forfeited Estates he certainly was not a model of attendance at his office. It will be seen by reference to the paper placed under date 10th October 1719 (CCXXII. 37) that he had been two years absent, and that his brother Commissioners were complaining that he and Richard Grantham, Esq. (another truant from the same Board), were causing a deadlock to their business. Steele had been called before the Board on 23rd July in the above year, and had promised to set out for Scotland in a few days, and by his future diligence to make amends for his former neglect of his duties; but as the Commissioners sent in a third certificate of his absence on 10th October, the summons before their Lordships seems to have been but of little avail.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTICES.

THE DUKE OF DOUGLAS.

The memorial of the Duke of Douglas and the report on it by the Barons of the Exchequer of Scotland contain interesting details of a poor relation of the Royal family. The Duke was entitled to the first seat and vote in all parliaments and conventions of the states in Scotland, the leading of the van of the army in time of war, and the carrying of the crown at the opening of parliaments and other public processions; which privileges and offices were heritably conveyed to the Duke by his charters. He complains that they were then rendered useless by the union of the two kingdoms (CLXXXVIII. 55).

WILLIAM PENN.

In the last volume the affairs of William Penn are referred to as in process of settlement. In the present volume there is a petition of Hannah, his wife, and certain of his creditors, in which they set out what he had done for the territory owned by him, and how he had been prevented from settling with the Treasury by a distemper in his head. The petitioners wanted the agreement with the Treasury carried out (CLXXXIII. 24).

SIR CHRISTOPHER WREN.

A letter of Sir Christopher Wren of 21st April 1719 is printed entire (CCXX. 48). He was then dismissed from his office of Surveyor-General. It is a somewhat dignified letter, and shows that he could calmly look upon the pretensions of his successor who laid claim to manage the department of the works better than those who had preceded him. Most of Wren's contemporaries would join in his hope that, after having worn himself out in the public service, he might be allowed to die in peace.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS OF INTEREST.

COLONIAL BISHOPS, &c.

The subject of the maintenance of Bishops in the plantations and colonies of America is referred to the Lords of the Treasury in an Order of Council of 28th October 1714 (*see* Vol. CLXXXI. 31.) There is also a letter of John, Bishop of London, giving a good deal of information as to pensions granted by the Crown to ministers of the Protestant religion out of the kingdom (CLXXXI. 32).

Conscience Money.

An early instance of the payment into the Exchequer of conscience money by one who had defrauded his Majesty of 186*l*. 2*s*. is given in Vol. CCXIII. 37; and their Lordships directed an advertisement to be prepared and inserted in the Gazette, much in the same way as the Chancellor of the Exchequer does now in the newspapers.

The Custom House, London.

There are various papers which relate to the restoration of the Custom House, London, which was considerably injured by the fire in Thames Street. The measures taken by the Commissioners for the acquirement of the land necessary to build on are set out. A new "long room" was contemplated to be built (CLXXXVII. 28, CCII. 1, CCX. 5, CCXVII. 4).

The Demolition of Dunkirk.

Sir James Abercrombie had a great deal to do in carrying out the demolition of Dunkirk in 1713, and resided there for some time to superintend the work. He was put to serious inconvenience by not getting paid for his services, although Parliament had made some provision for that business. Sir James had to sell his commission in the army to pay debts contracted about these affairs, but finally on the 11th of March 1716–17 the King signed a warrant in his favour for 1,783*l*., being the residue of 2,490*l*. in full satisfaction of his claims (CXCIX. 67 and CCVI. 31). Jasper Clayton, Esq., another of the Commissioners employed in the same business, had not succeeded in getting his claim settled in April 1718 (CCXIII. 56).

PROVISION FOR A GOD-CHILD.

His Majesty King William the Third in becoming godfather to a daughter of Lieut.-Col. James Douglas when in Flanders, also conferred on her his name, so that she was known as "William Theresia Douglas," and to educate and bring her up he ordered her the pay of a captain, which was allowed by the States of Holland, at the same time a company in General Hamilton's regiment (which was also her father's regiment) was left vacant in her favour. From this regiment she received pay as captain until it was disbanded in 1714. She then received half pay with the rest of the officers until 1717, when she lost it by Act of Parliament, and my Lords could not then help her (Vol. CCXV. 5).

THE GREAT SEAL, THE PRIVY SEAL, &C.

There is a report of the principal officers of the Mint on the bills of the Engraver of Public Seals. The bills contain some interesting particulars of what are represented on the seals and the cost of engraving them (CC. 17).

THE HONOUR OF THE NATION.

It is hard to say what may or may not conduce to the honour of the nation, but Captain Wivell, who was the Commander of the "Fubbs" yacht, thought the honour of the nation would stand higher if his bed on board the yacht was decorated with damask; and for this he cites a precedent, which was in the first instance *general*, viz., that the other yachts were thus furnished, and in the second *specific*, in that the "William and Mary" yacht had this addition to its attractions. When he further pleaded that he was the oldest captain in England it is to be hoped their Lordships indulged him, and thus saved the honour of the nation (CXCIX. 3).

METHOD TO SECURE PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS.

Lord Radnor, in writing to "my good Lord," was endeavouring to strengthen his political relations by getting a prosecution against a Mr. Hoblyn stopped. The latter owed a debt to the Government, but was zealous in his Lordship's interest in Bodmin. The postscript states that they were sure of 30 honest members at least for this county at the next elections, and he hoped more. It concludes thus:—"The corporation of Bodmin dines with "me next Fryday. I expect about 400 persons that day. "I had that number last time, and there did not goe "home five sober of the whole number. The Bishop of "Winchester and the gentlemen near him are to dine "with me next Munday. The next day the Corporation "of Lostwithiel dine with me. I doe my best to be a "good inn keeper whilst I stay here, and I hope 'twill "turn to good account for our advantage" (CLXXXIII. 13).

THE RECORDS AT THE TOWER OF LONDON.

The Records of Chancery, in the Tower of London, as reported in a previous volume, still lay in great confusion, and were in danger of being spoiled. The Board of Works reported that the rooms in Cæsar's Tower, commonly called the White Tower, were most convenient to contain them, and that the magazine for gunpowder was then under the rooms where the most valuable records of the kingdom were kept (CCXIV. 69, CCXX. 9).

OTHER RECORDS.

A report of the Lords' Committee concerning the state of the Exchequer and other records in the year 1719 is fully abstracted in Vol. CCXX. 45.

TRADE AND MANUFACTURES.

The elaborate report of the Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, upon the petition of the weavers against the use of printed calicoes, is fully abstracted (Vol. CCXXIII. 15). It contains a variety of interesting matter upon this subject. The weavers complained of the clandestine importation of foreign wrought silks and prohibited East India goods; but more especially of the almost universal wearing of printed and stained calicoes and linens. The Commissioners took into consideration the representations of the Company of Weavers, the Levant Company, the East India Company, the Linen Drapers, the Merchants, &c. The latter being heard on behalf of themselves and the manufacturers of linens in Scotland. The Commissioners recommend that the wearing of printed calicoes be prohibited, and that the woollen and silk manufactures should be supported.

I have been assisted in carrying this volume through the press by R. A. Roberts, Esq., barrister-at-law, and the Index has been prepared by Geo. J. Morris, Esq., B.A., both of whom are of this Department. And I am indebted to both gentlemen for valuable suggestions whilst the work has been in the printer's hands.

JOSEPH REDINGTON.

9th April 1883.

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GEORGE I.

1714. Aug. 1. 1. A valuation of the Civil List Funds as they are estimated on 1 Aug. 1714. 1 *page.*

? Aug. 2. Memorial of Conyers Darcy and George Feilding, Esq^{res}, Com^{rs} for executing the office of Master of the Horse, to the Lord High Treasurer (Oxford). The expense of the mourning for all her Majesty's livery servants, and for coaches, chaises, chairs, &c. amounted to about 3,000*l.* 2,000*l.* have already been ordered. Pray for the remaining 1,000*l.* to be ordered.

Enclose an estimate "to be provided for the mourning, 1714." *Minuted :—*"2,000*l.* paid." 3 *pages.*

[After Aug. 1.] 3. Petition of Major General Baron de Walef to the King. Implores his Majesty's justice in the payment of his arrears, which have been refused these 27 months. 4,283*l.* 2*s.* 9*d.* are due to him. Parliament in the last sessions approved his debt and ordered the payment, but the Committee has taken away his appointments. It is very hard that after having lost all his employments, the nation wishes to take away the bounty of the Sovereign. Flatters himself that his Majesty will order the whole sum to be paid. When his regiment followed the troops of the Queen, the Duke of Ormond and Lord Strafford promised him that he should be paid what was due, and as he could [not] be employed in England, being a Roman Catholic and stranger, that he should have compensation for the sacrifice which he made of his establishments, and for 32 years' service, &c. It was in this view that the Queen gave him the bounty of 2,000 "pieces," which they wished him to deduct; and a year since her Majesty gave him a pension of 500*l.* upon Ireland, which he beseeches may be continued. (French.)

Accompanied by copies of 5 other papers. 7½ *pages.*

Aug. 2. 4. Sir Isaac Newton, Master and Worker of his Majesty's Mint, to the Lord High Treasurer. The Mint is at a stop for want of new dies and puncheons. Great quantities of gold bullion are in the Mint to be coined, and more daily expected. Annexes copies of a late warrant and a new one suitable for the present occasion to be laid before the Lords Justices in order that the coinage may proceed. Mint Office, 2 Aug. 1714. 1 *page.*

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Aug. 2. 5. Com^rs^ of the Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer. A Commission passed the great seal in the 10th of Queen Anne to put in execution an Act passed in the 8th year of her reign, vesting lands, &c. in Trustees for the better fortifying the harbours and docks at Portsmouth, Chatham, and Harwich, and for adjusting the rights of the proprietors. That Commission not having been put in execution, the House of Commons addressed her Majesty to cause the lands to be purchased. The Com^rs^ were summoned, and at their meeting desired several queries to be laid before the Lord High Treasurer. Inclose a copy. 2 Aug. 1714.

The copy named, and a list of the Commissioners. 3 *pages.*

Aug. 2. 6. The same to the same. Ask for issue of money to carry on the service. 2 Aug. 1714. 1 *page.*

Aug. 4. 7. Report of Sir Edward Northey to the Lord High Treasurer. Is of opinion that if the Treasurer of the Ordnance has sufficient to discharge the charges of executing the Commission relating to the fortifications at Chatham, Portsmouth and Harwich, besides what will pay the full purchase money for the lands, these charges may be paid thereout, but the sellers are not to bear any part of the charges. Dated 'July' 4th, 1714, query a mistake for August. 1½ *pages.*

Aug. 4. 8. Memorial of the Officers of the Board of Green Cloth to the Lord High Treasurer. For the victualling of the yachts and other services in the expedition to bring his Majesty over to England there will be immediate occasion for 3,000*l.* and a letter of credit for 2,000*l.* more, to be paid upon sight at Rotterdam in case his Majesty make any stay there. Dated Board of Green Cloth, 4 Aug. 1714. 1 *page.*

Aug. 5. 9. Report of Craven Peyton, Esq., Warden, and Sir Isaac Newton, Master of the Mint, to the Lord High Treasurer upon a petition of the traders in woollen manufactures in and about Taunton, that the moidores of Portugal may be received by the collectors of revenue at 28*s.* apiece. The lighter pieces are scarcely worth 27*s.* 6*d.* each, which is the price at which the collectors are willing to receive them. Mint Office, 5 Aug. 1714.

The petition with numerous signatures. 2 *pages.*

Aug. 5. 10. Representation of the Postmasters General to the Lord High Treasurer that the members of both houses of Parliament and several officers of State mentioned in a list annexed have by sign manual had the privilege of sending and receiving their letters free of postage. Asks for a warrant if the Lord Treasurer judge that the privilege shall be continued.

The list and copies of the two previous warrants on the subject.

Minuted:—" 9 Febry 1714–15. They will forme a new representation with respect to the damage the revenue suffers by the abuses in franking." 4 *pages.*

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Aug 5. 11. Mr J. Addison to the Lord High Treasurer. The Lords Justices desire him to give directions to the Commander-in-Chief of the Forces in Scotland and others, that they forthwith put into the castle of Edinburgh a month's provision for 200 men. The South Sea Company can spare his Majesty's ships "Warwick" and "Anglesea." The Company's goods in those ships are to be laden on the "Bedford" and "Elizabeth." St. James', 5 Aug. 1714. 2 *pages, quarto.*

Aug. 9. 12. Opinion of the Attorney and Solicitor General on the oaths to be taken by officers on the demise of the Queen, viz., that if the officers intended in the queries are such as continue, notwithstanding the demise of the Queen, they are not obliged to take the oaths mentioned. Dated 9 Aug. 1714. 1½ *pages.*

Aug. 11. 13. Comrs of Victualling to Mr Lowndes. Send an account of Bills of Exchange drawn on them from Cadiz for victualling the ships under Capt. Paddon's command. Have desired the Treasurer of the Navy to solicit for money, but none has ben ordered. Some of the other bills have been paid in South Sea Stock, which has lessened the credit of the office abroad, insomuch that Mr Hatfield, who furnished the greatest part of the money, refused to supply any more, and it was with difficulty they prevailed on Sir Joseph Hodges to enter into a contract to furnish 5,000*l.* at Cadiz to buy wine and oil for the squadron. As to the credit which Captain Paddon desires at Cadiz for about 2,000 dollars for the release of the captives in Morocco, it is a service foreign to the victualling, but they do not doubt but some of the Spanish merchants will undertake it. 11 Aug. 1714.

The account referred to, an extract from a letter of Capt. Paddon to Lord Bolingbroke, and a letter from the latter to the Ld High Treasurer on the same subjects. 5 *pages.*

Aug. 11. 14. A state of the debt of the office of his Majesty's Ordnance to 31 July 1714. 11 Aug. 1714. 1 *page.*

Aug. 11. 15. Report of J. Merrill to the Lord High Treasurer as to the pay of the garrison of Placentia.

Minuted:—"11 Augt 1714. 558*l.* 15*s.* 2*d.* directed. An extract to be made of wt relates to the victualling and ordnance to be sent to the respective offices. 13 Do sent."

Also extract of a letter from Col. Moody, Lieut.-Governor of Placentia, on the same subject. 4¼ *pages.*

Aug. 11. 16. Mons. "Dom. Ma Viceti" to "Milord" [Treasurer.] Sets forth that the trustees of certain South Sea Stock hold the same as security for 180,000*l.* and interest thereon, which capital sum was advanced to the [English] Government by the Marquis de Sauli and others at Genoa. On the expiration of the contract with the Government on 29 Aug. 1713, the Trustees thought proper to repay to the Marquis part of the capital sum advanced out of the surplus of the interest received by the said company. This part repayment the Marquis Sauli finally accepted in consideration of the good faith of the trustees, although he had before directed them not to receive such small sums in part repayment of the 180,000*l.*, but if on demand it should not be repaid in full, to sell the stock held in security according to the contract. The acceptance by the Marquis of this part repayment is however disapproved by those interested at Genoa, and he himself told he will be held responsible for the loss sustained. The Marquis is therefore seeking some method of withdrawing from his position. To enable him to do this he (Mons. Viceti) submits a plan annexed to his letter, by which an immediate benefit will accrue to the Treasury by the payment into it of 14,807*l.* 1*s.* 4*d.* coming from the South Sea Company to the Trustees. He therefore asks his Lordship to order the Trustees to pay these sums into the Exchequer, and to form a new account according to the plan submitted. Dated London, 11 Aug. 1714.

The plan referred to is not with the letter. 3 *pages.*

Aug. 11. 17. Representation of Henry Newton, LL.D., late Envoy Extraordinary to the Great Duke of Tuscany and the Republic of Genoa, to the Lord High Treasurer. Could little have expected after this distance of time, and his long and faithful service to have to apply for his arrears amounting to 2,600*l.* Was twice commanded to go to Florence by her Majesty's order, and did considerable service to the Crown, her Majesty's allies, and her Majesty's subjects in a residence of 10 months on the first occasion. On which account he is a sufferer above 1,000*l.*, &c. The public faith on which he relies is concerned. He went upon a winter journey through Germany, and through places both there and in Italy infested by the enemy. The public affairs did not suffer in his hands. What is worse is that the debts of ministers employed abroad and his own are provided for by parliament; prays for such allowances as are just. August 11, 1714. 2½ *pages.*

Aug. 12. 18. Report of M^{r} Auditor Harley to the Lord High Treasurer, on the memorial of the Hon. Paul Methuen, Esq., for an allowance of his charges in suing out a privy seal for allowing, and a quietus upon passing the account of the Hon. John Methuen, Esq., Ambassador Extraordinary to the King of Portugal, viz.: of the money he received and paid for the public service in Portugal and at Gibraltar. The charges are such as are usually paid by other accountants. Dated 12 Aug. 1714.

Minuted :—" Direct this sum out of the publiqȝ m^{o} unappropr. to M^{r} Bridges & prepare a signe manual to allow it on his acco^{t}."

Two letters of a previous date from Paul Methuen on the same affairs. 6½ *pages.*

Aug. 12. 19. Report of the same to the same, on the account of M^{r} Hill of 1,000*l.* paid to him by Charles Fox, Esq., late Paymaster of the Forces. The account is for charges of assisting the Cevennois in France (who took up arms in 1703 and 1704), for which service the accountant received repeated commands in going Envoy Extraordinary to Savoy in the year 1703, and letters from the Secretaries of State. The expense for money sent to the Cevennois for provisions put on board for 500 men that assisted them amounts to 25,149 livres 16 sols, Piedmont money. The service was done and the money paid before Mr Hill received the 1,000*l.*, &c. 12 Aug. 1714.

Minuted:—"Read 27 Oct. 1714. To be considered when another P.S. passes for my Ld Carnarvon." *Again*:—"Included in Mr Chetwynd's P.S." 2 *pages.*

Aug. 12. 20. Report of the same to the same, on the petition of William Morrice, Esq., son and executor of Thomas Morrice, late Deputy Paymaster of her late Majesty's forces in Portugal, for the allowance of 3,547*l.* 2*s.* 7¾*d.* for the service and expenses of his father in shipping off money yearly from Lisbon to Catalonia for the use of the forces. Petitioner's father had shipped from the year 1706 to 1711, 707,409*l.* The shipping of money is prohibited by the laws of Portugal and punishable with death and confiscation of goods, and the Court of Portugal refused to give any permit to ship money for their own troops, then in her late Majesty's pay in Spain; whereby petitioner's father was obliged to use the utmost secrecy in carrying the money to the ships, &c. If this service formed no part of the duty of petitioner's father, it may be reasonable to allow 8s per cent., which would amount to 2,837*l.* 12*s.* August 12, 1714.

The petition and a copy of the report of Mr Brydges on the same subject.

Minuted:—"Read 27 Oct. 1714. To be read again when my Lord Carnarvon and Mr Audr Harley are at the Trer̃y. Read again 19 Nov. 1714. My Lord will consider this when Mr Methuen is here." 6½ *pages.*

Aug. 12. 21. Lord Bolingbroke to the Lord High Treasurer. Advises that credit be given to Captain Taverner, his Majesty's surveyor of the coasts of Newfoundland, and that instructions be given to him to provide the several things necessary in America. Whitehall, 12 Aug. 1714.

Also a list of necessaries wanted to proceed on the survey. 2 *pages.*

Aug. 12. 22. Comrs of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer. Enclose a state of the debt of the Office of Ordnance, amounting to 66,795*l.* 16*s.* 8½*d.*, with an account of what South Sea Stock and money remain in the Treasurer's hands. 12 Aug. 1714.

Minuted:—"12 Aug. 1714. 10,000li for land, and
10,000 for sea service"
20,000. 1 *page.*

[About Aug. 13.] 23. Memorial of Samuel, Lord Masham, Cofferer of the Household, to the Lord High Treasurer The officers of the Board of Green Cloth represent that 2,500*l.* will be immediately wanted, 500*l.* of which is to be imprested to the servants who are to attend his Majesty in Holland, the remaining 2,000*l.* to be a credit in

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Rotterdam for provisions for the yachts appointed to receive his Majesty and his retinue. Prays an order for the same.

Minuted:—"2,500^{li} ordered 13th Aug. 1714." 1 *page*.

Aug. 14. 24. The Lords Justices of Ireland to the Duke of Shrewsbury. Enclose petition of Col. Butler, who commands the company of Battle-axe guards, and of the officers attending his Majesty's state here. Request that if the yeomen of the guards, and the State officers attending his Majesty be put in mourning, that the same respect may be paid to her late Majesty in Ireland. Dublin Castle, 14 Aug. 1714.

Minuted:—"A warr^{t} to be p̃pared. Signd."

The two petitions. 3 *pages*.

Aug. 17. 25. A list of names submitted by the Attorney-General to the Lord High Treasurer to execute the powers in an Act of Parliament for appointing commissioners to treat for lands for the fortification of Portsmouth, Chatham, and Harwich. Dated 17 Aug. 1714.

Minuted:—"A warr^{t} to be p̃pared for a new com^{on}, and to be transmitted to M^{r} Att. to fill up the names and return it in order to be signd." 1 *page*.

Aug. 17. 26. Brigadier Bisset and others to the Lord High Treasurer. Pray payment of 2,216*l*. 13*s*. 6*d*. (which sum was made use of by the Earl of Gallway for his own private use), and that M^{r} Brydges may be ordered to pay it to them for their regiments. Aug. 17, 1714.

Another letter from them on the same subject. 2 *pages*.

Aug. 20. 27. Representation of the Com^{rs} for affairs of Taxes to the Lord High Treasurer, praying that M^{r} Weddall may be directed to produce certain bills for 9,000*l*., as he had taken no notice of their letters. Office of Hides, &c., 20 Aug. 1714.

Minuted:—"20th Aug. 1714. M^{r} Weddall to attend the Com^{rs} for Taxes." 1 *page*.

Aug. 20. 28. G. Paddon to the Lord High Treasurer. In order to get from Barbary 69 of her Majesty's subjects who have been in slavery, has drawn on his Lordship for 500*l*. Was plenipotentiary to make a peace with the Emperor of Morocco, and has concluded the same, which has been nearly 20 years desired. Prays good payment of his bills. Cadiz, 20 Aug. 1714. [? If N. S., 9 Aug.]

Minuted:—"Read 27 7br. To be shewne to the Com^{rs} intended." 1 *page*.

Aug. 20. 29. Com^{rs} of Victualling to M^{r} Lowndes. As to the provisions to be sent to Placentia for the use of the garrison. The troops carried out in transports were forced into Lisbon and wintered there, whereby a great part of the provisions were consumed. Victualling Office, 20 Aug. 1714.

Also an estimate. 4 *pages*.

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Aug. 23. 30. Memorial to the Lord High Treasurer of James Campbell of London, merchant, and agent for Newfoundland, in behalf of Captain William Taverner, his Majesty's surveyor there. Encloses copies of five papers in support of Captain Taverner's claims in connexion with the survey of such part of the coast of Newfoundland and the islands adjacent as the French have usually fished upon. Urges the necessity of the survey for the advancement of that valuable fishery. Prays the establishment of the captain's salary at 20*s.* a day from 21 July 1713 to 23 Aug., to be applied for the use of the captain, wife and family, &c.

The papers referred to, numbered 1 to 5. 16½ *pages.*

Aug. 24. 31. "Account of the 180,000li loan by the Genoese merchants & al." Dated 24th Aug. 1714.

Minuted:—"The Trustees to come to Mr Lowndes." 2 *pages, quarto.*

[See also a paper dated 11 Aug. on the same business.]

Aug. 26. 32. Mr Edward Wilcox to the Lord High Treasurer. The neighbouring people of Saulcey Forest have appeared in such great strength in the forest that the keepers are unable to oppose their cutting down many trees there, and 40 of the best trees in Whittlewood have likewise been cut down; asks that a stop may be put to the same. 26 Aug. 1714.

P.S. If a messenger be sent by the Lord Chief Justice in Eyre to take into custody some of the most substantial, as was done on the return of King Charles the Second, it may prevent further destruction. 1 *page.*

Aug. 27. 33. Proposal of Sir Theodore Janssen to the Lord High Treasurer to give bills at sight, viz., for Genoa, at the rate of 55*d.* for each dollar or piece of eight, and for Lisbon at 5*s.* 6*d.* per milrea. Has not hitherto been directly concerned in any payments for the garrisons of Port Mahon or Gibraltar. 27 Aug. 1 *page, quarto.*

Aug. 27. 34. Another proposal from John Lambert as to remittance of 10,000*l.* for Port Mahon and Gibraltar. 27 Aug. 1 *page.*

Aug, 28. 35. Memorial of the Comrs of Chelsea Hospital to the Lord High Treasurer. The officers of the hospital have received no salary for upwards of two years and a half, although Parliament has made provision for the same. The establishment they prepared was not signed by her late Majesty. Ask that the same may be laid before his Majesty for signature. The out-pensioners suffer great hardships for want of their pay or pension money, and their landlords refuse to give them any more credit, or they are obliged to pay as a premium one moiety of their pay to obtain it, whereby many are begging in the streets. The number of out-pensioners is very great, but they are under re-examination touching their pretensions to pensions, in order to dismiss those whose wounds are cured. Whitehall, 28 Aug. 1714.

Minuted:—"30 Aug. 1714. To be consider'd after his Majesty is arrived." 2 *pages.*

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Aug. 28. 36. Account of South Sea Stock which remained in the names of the several treasurers and paymasters for the use of the public. 28 Aug. 1714. Also a method for disposing of all the stock in the South Sea Company which belongs to the public. 2 *pages.*

Aug. 31. 37. Mr Moore's memorial for half-pay from 25th of December 1713 to 24th June following, with an abstract of the establishment for that time. Pay Office, 31 August 1714.

Minuted:—"31 Augt 1714. Ordered upon accot." 7 *pages.*

Aug. ? 38. Petition of George French and Richard Oglethorp, gent., to the Lord High Treasurer. Were forced away from their families at Antego to attend in London as witnesses against the murderers of the late chief governor of Antego; obtained an order of 10s a week, which they would not accept, it being insufficient. Mr Borrett and the Attorney-General think they deserve 20s a week. Pray for such an order as shall be equitable.

Minuted:—"The late Ld Treãr by warrt dat. 10 July 1713, directed Mr Borret to pay ye petr̃s 25li a piece, and by warrt dat. 5 Jan. foll. directed Mr Borret to pay them so much more, as with what they had already rec̃ed shd make up 10s ꝑ week each, from the time they had made their depositions before any of the judges here, to the last day of Easter Term foll., which they refused to accept; but his Lordp̃ did not think it reasonable to allow any more. But upon the expiration of the last warrt his Lordp̃ did, the 18 Jun. last, direct the 10s ꝑ week to be continued, but the petrs having not complyed wth the former warrt, and insisting upon a further allowance, there was no warrt made out for the continuance of ye 10s ꝑ week."

Also certificate from Walter Douglas, the governor referred to. 2 *pages.*

? Aug. 39. "Preamble to the subscription for the South Sea Stock belongg to the publick."

The regulations for taking the above subscription are in ten numbered clauses. A draft with various erasures and additions apparently in Mr Lowndes' hand. The payment was to be made before 30 Sept. 1714. 3 *pages.*

Sept. 2. 40. Memorial of Col. Graham, Adjutant-General, to ———, as to the countersigning of the warrant for his pay and that of the Lieut.-Governor of the Isle of Wight. 2 Sept. 1714.

Copy of the warrant referred to.

Minuted:—"The warrt must be signd by the K. before my Lord can give any directions therein." 2 *pages.*

Sept. 2. 41. Report of Mr Francis Gwyn to Mr Taylor, upon a memorial of the colonels of the regiments who lately came from Flanders, as to allowance of their extraordinary charge. Submits to his Grace [the Lord Treasurer] whether any further allowance shall be made upon this extraordinary occasion, or whether the men shall bear the charge of their provisions out of their own subsistence. As to a month's pay in consideration of their long march, it has been usual to pay subsistence for a month or six weeks in advance, in proportion to the length of march. Whitehall, 2 Sept. 1714.

The memorial referred to. 3¼ *pages.*

Sept. 2. 42. Letter of the same to W^m Lowndes, Esq. Sends the Establishment of the General and Staff Officers [appointed] to serve with the forces in Flanders, signed by the Lords Justices, for the countersignature of the Lord Treasurer. Whitehall, 2 Sept. 1714. 1 *page, quarto.*

Sept. 3. 43. Memorial of William Munday, Deputy Auditor of the Duchy of Cornwall, to the Lord High Treasurer. Encloses a paper containing a statement of the difficulties in the execution of his office, also a state of the Receivers-General's accounts. Asks directions. 3 Sept. 1714.

The papers named.

The first paper contains four queries which he requires to have answered in consequence of the Prince having become Duke of Cornwall. 5 *pages.*

Sept. 3. 44. An account of South Sea Stock remaining in M^r Moore's name for the use of the public. Pay Office, 3 Sept. 1714. 1 *page.*

Sept. 3. 45. Another account of South Sea Stock and dividends in the hands of Charles Eversfield, Esq., Treasurer and Paymaster of his Majesty's ordnance. 3 Sept. 1714. ½ *page.*

Sept. 3. 46. Francis Gwyn to M^r Lowndes. On a paper of M^r Jennings', and as to what should be done in relation to him and the rest of the Irish Roman Catholic officers, so as to put an end to the trouble of their solicitations at the Treasury. The only way to get rid of his and the rest of those Irish gentlemen's solicitations will be to order immediate payments of the warrants.

Minuted:—"6 Sept. 1714, when the K. comes."

Encloses two papers. 4 *pages.*

Sept. 3. 47. Copy of petition of divers merchants who have traded to, or are concerned in, the Fishery of Newfoundland; addressed to the Lords Justices of Great Britain, expressing their satisfaction in the employment of Captain William Taverner, appointed to survey those parts, and praying that their Excellencies will order what is wanting for that service.

Delivered by M^r Solomon Merrett, 3^d Sep^r 1714. 1 *page.*

Sept. 4. 48. Samuel Lynn to M^r Lowndes. Sets forth his difficulties and the obstructions he has encountered in obtaining copies of the Muster Rolls of the marine regiments.

Encloses copy of a letter on the same subject. 4 Sept. 1714.

Minuted:—"13 Sep^r 1714. The Com^rs of y^e Navy to forward this service as much as possible. If M^r Lyn will send any hands to y^e Navy office to make the copies nec^ry the Com^rs of y^e Navy say they shall have all y^e ease and despatch that can be given." 3 *pages.*

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Sept. 9. 49. Trustees for South Sea Stock to Wm Lowndes, Esq. Have made it generally known that the books will be open to-morrow morning to take in subscriptions. Eight signatures. 1 *page.*

Sept. 10. 50. The same to the same. All the stock is transferred except Sir Roger Mostyn's and Mr Howe's, who have not come to the transfer books. Mr Merril came but refused to transfer, because Mr Cæsar could not then transfer his, but promised to come to-night and did not; asks that directions might be given thereon, it being impossible to delay the subscription longer. Mercers' Hall, 10 Sept. 1714. 1 *page.*

Sept. 10. 51. Robert Knight to the same. The Trustees having given public notice that the subscription will be opened to-morrow morning at Mercers' Hall, desire directions to be given to the several officers to transfer their stock by 5 o'clock this evening. Mr Moore and Mr Eversfield have already done so. South Sea House, 10 Sept. 1714. ½ *page.*

Sept. 11. 52. A list of the names of the subscribers for purchasing 885,703*l.* 14*s.* 7*d.*, South Sea Stock belonging to the public, with the sums respectively by them subscribed. 11th September 1714. Signed,—"Rob. Knight, Receivr." *A book of* 23 *pages.*

Sept. 11. 53. Warrant by the Lords Justices of England to Thomas Moore, Esq., paymaster general of his Majesty's forces abroad, to pay whole instead of half pay, to the respective officers of the late regiments of dragoons under the command of the Rt Hon. the Earl of Hyndford, who had been ordered to repair to North Britain, from the time of their arrival there. St James's. 11 Sept. 1714. 1½ *pages.*

Sept. 11. 54. Francis Gwyn to Mr Lowndes, sending a similar warrant in favour of regiments commanded by Col. Kerr, Brigadier Grant, Col. Pocock, the late Col. Leigh, and the Lord Mark Kerr for the Lord High Treasurer's countersignature. Whitehall, 11 Sept. 1714.

The warrant named.

Minuted:—"Read 13th Sepr 1714. To be considered when Mr Gwyn attends next at the Tr̄y." 2½ *pages.*

Sept. 13. 55. Particular of the certain rents and other revenues of the Duchy of Cornwall in charge before the auditor.

"A copy from the original, signed ut infra."

"Exr p Wm Munday, 13 Sepr 1714." 3 *large pages.*

Sept. 13. 56. Memorial of Mr. Thomas Micklethwait to the [Lord High Treasurer]. 30,000*l.* in South Sea Stock has been repaid by him into the Exchequer, and from thence re-issued to the Treasurer of the Navy. Prays that the latter may be directed to assign that sum out of deficient tallies and orders on malt, 1713.

Minuted:—"13th Sept. 1714. My Lord will speak wth the Trearer. of the Navy about this. Done." 1 *page.*

Encloses copy of a letter from the Comrs for Transports on the same subject. 2 *pages.*

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Sept. 14. 57. Certificate of the Trustees appointed to dispose by subscription of 885,703*l.* 14*s.* 7*d.* South Sea Stock belonging to the public, announcing that they had taken subscriptions for the whole sum, &c. London, 14 Sept. 1714. 1 *large page.*

Sept. 16. 58. James Murray and Joseph Martin to the Lord High Treasurer. Present their memorial, and hope for a favourable representation of it to his Majesty. Frederick Herne, Esq., deceased, served with them in the commission till 15 March. Crown Court, 16 Sept. 1714.

The memorial of Charles Whitworth and James Murray, Esq^{res}, and Sir Joseph Martin, Knt., to the Lord High Treasurer (Shrewsbury). Were appointed commissaries and plenipotentiaries to treat with those of France in order to settle the commerce between the two kingdoms. For this they have hitherto received nothing, nor has there been any allowance to Joseph Martin, Esq., their secretary. Pray to have the matter laid before his Majesty.

Minuted:—" 27 7^{br} 1714. To be layd before y^{e} Com^{rs} when appointed." 2 *pages.*

Sept. 17. 59. Report of the Com^{rs} of the Navy to M^{r} Lowndes as to some over or double payments made in the time when Lord Falkland was Treasurer of the Navy. The payments appear by the books to have been made, but the board have always given it as their opinion that it would be dangerous to admit such payments, and it is the duty of the Treasurer to see that no such payments shall be made. Navy Office, 17 Sept. 1714.

Minuted:—" 27th 7^{br} 1714. Read and approved."

List of the over and double payments referred to. 8 *pages.*

Sept. 17. 60. Report of M^{r} J. Howe to the Lord High Treasurer (Shrewsbury), on the petition of Sir W^{m} Hope, late Deputy Governor of the castle of Edinburgh, for his allowance, which since the Union has been paid out of contingencies. Makes a suggestion as to the payment of the same out of the Exchequer.

The account of three years' allowance to several officers in Scotland.

Minuted:—" 9 March 1714. To be read when M^{r} Walpole & ye S̃cry-at-War are here." 3 *pages.*

Sept. 17. 61. M^{r} W^{m} Blathwayt to William Lowndes, Esq. Is threatened with process for 53*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* for a pretended debt due to the Crown for an assessment on his place as Clerk of the Council. Asks that his petition thereon may be delivered to the Lord High Chancellor.

P.S.—This debt is founded on a pretended arrear of a tax in the reign of the late King William, from whom there remained due to him 2,000*l.* for salary.

Minuted:—" 22 7br. 1714. My Lord thinks he cañot protect any person legally ag^{t} paymt of any sum assessed on him: if he is illegally assessed, he may plead it in the Excheq^{r}. His Lo^{p} is unwilling to make a precedent w^{ch} might be very prejudicial."

The petition referred to. 4 *pages.*

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1714. Sept. 19. 62. Capt. Paddon to the Duke of Shrewsbury. Has drawn on his Lordship for 500*l.* to complete the peace and to bring away 69 of her Majesty's subjects, and to defray some expenses which he was obliged to pay in Barbary. Asks for speedy payment. "Cadiz 7^{er} y^{e} $\frac{19}{30}$ 1714."

Minuted:—"Read 18th October 1714." 1 *page.*

Sept. 22. 63. J. Moody to the Lord High Treasurer. The soldiers, having nothing to drink but water, have mutinied. To appease them has been forced to purchase molasses and brew beer for them to the value of 251*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.*, "without which the severity of the cruel frozen winter, and their drinking only water thaughed from ice would infallibly have killed most of the garrison." Has drawn bills on his Lordship for that amount. Placentia, Sept. 22, 1714, O. S.

Minuted:—"Read 12 Nov^{r} 1714." 1 *page, quarto.*

[About Sept. 25.] 64. Memorial of the subaltern and staff officers of the four disbanded marine regiments to the Lord High Treasurer. Ask that they may be paid, their accounts being fully settled with their agents.

Minuted:—"25^{th} Sept. 1714. My Lord resolves that notice be given in the Gazette that their $cred^{rs}$ in their quarters, by themselves or their attorneys duely authorised, may appear before the Com^{rs} & (with these officers) adjust their demands, and then my Lord has no objection ag^{t} paying what is justly due to them & their $credi^{rs}$. Send this to the Com^{rs} to proceed accordingly." 1 *page.*

Sept. 27. 65. Memorial of the Officers of the Board of Green Cloth to the Lord High Treasurer. For the victualling the yachts employed in bringing H.R.H. the Princess of Wales over to England and other services, there will be an immediate occasion of 500*l.* and a letter of credit for 2,000*l.* more to be paid on sight in Holland. Board of Green Cloth, 27 Sept. 1714.

Minuted:—"Orderd 28^{th} Sep^{r} 1714." 1 *page.*

Sept. 29. 66. Report of the Attorney and Solicitor General to the Lord High Treasurer (Shrewsbury) on four queries in relation to the revenue of the Duchy of Cornwall. 1st. Are of opinion that the Duchy of Cornwall was held by the King in capite, and that while that tenure continued it was necessary that livery should thereof be made to every Duke of Cornwall; but since the Stat. of 12 Car. II. for taking away the Court of Wards and Liveries there is no occasion for Livery to the Prince, and the King's title determining by limitation on there being a Duke of Cornwall, the revenue and estates belonging to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Duke of Cornwall vested immediately in him, without livery, at the King's Accession. The officers of the Duchy must be constituted by the Prince, and are not continued by the Act for continuing officers for six months, &c. 2nd. All the rents grown or that shall grow due since the decease of his late Majesty belong to the Prince as Duke of Cornwall; but all rents payable at Midsummer last during the life of the Queen are to be answered to his Majesty. 3rd. Fees and salaries due at Midsummer may be paid by the Receiver-General, but the fees to grow due at Michaelmas must attend the Prince's pleasure. 4th. The warrants from the Chancellor of the Exchequer for granting copyhold estates parcel of the Duchy became void by the death of her late Majesty, and no admission can be made thereon, but new warrants must be obtained under the authority of the Prince to whom fines belong. 29 Sept. 1714.

The queries referred to. There is a copy of these previously noticed under 3 Sept. 1714. 4½ *pages.*

Sept. 29. 67. Report of the Com^rs for Sick and Hurt to the Lord High Treasurer on the claims of Sir John Jennings for building the new hospital at Port Mahon, &c. Are of opinion that the 468*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.* claimed ought to be reimbursed to him.—Office for Sick and Hurt Seamen. 29 Sept. 1714.

His memorial.

Minuted:—"To be read w^n Trẽar Navy is here. 29 Nov^r 1714 Respited." 2 *pages.*

Sept. 29. 68. Copy of M^r Blathwayt's report upon the petition of Col. Whetham in behalf of Mary Johnson, widow of Major Johnson, late Governor of Nevis, and for some time Commander-in-Chief of all the Leeward Islands. The claim was for 1,790*l.* 9*s.* 6¼*d.* for his salary. Dated 25th Mar. 1707.

A certified copy made 29 Sept. 1714.

[See the abstract of this report in Vol. CI., No. 73.] 3½ *pages.*

[Before Oct.] 69. Petition of Charlwood Stuckey, gentleman, to the Duke of Shrewsbury, Lord High Treasurer. Petitioner's father was many years linendraper to King Charles II., at whose decease 5,500*l.* were due to him, besides 210*l.* 14*s.* lent to the King, to be repaid with interest, which sums with interest amounted to 20,074*l.* 14*s.* 3*d.* By accidents from fire the family are greatly reduced; prays for employment.

Also copies of two certificates in corroboration of the petition. 3 *pages.*

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[About Oct. 2.] 1. Petition of Charles Dering, Esq., to the King. Obtained a warrant from her late Majesty to exchange the lives of John Champante and Robert Curtis, Esq^res, joint patentees for the office of Auditor of the Imprest in the Kingdom of Ireland for the lives of his two sons Edward and Henry Dering, but her Majesty died before he passed it under the great seal of Ireland; praying his Majesty's warrant.

Minuted:—"Warr^t signed 2^d Octob^r 1714. 1 *page, quarto.*

Oct. 4. 2. Lords of the Admiralty to the Lord Viscount Townsend. Relating to the furnishing of the garrison of Gibraltar with provisions. Furnishing provisions to the garrison is entirely remote from the navy, and Parliament has made no provision for it. Send copy of the orders given

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to the Com^{rs} for Victualling to furnish the provisions, that his Majesty may signify his pleasure whether the Spanish inhabitants in Gibraltar shall be victualled in like manner as the officers and soldiers in garrison. Admiralty Office, 4 Oct. 1714.

Five enclosures. 11 *pages.*

Oct. 8. 3. "The accounts of the cost of a present from his Majesty to the Emperor of Morocco. 8th October 1714."

They probably included one or more papers not now united. This is merely an invoice of four bales of cloth. 1 *page.*

Oct. 11. 4. Memorial of the Hon. Major Thomas Caulfield, Lieut.-Governor of the garrison of Annapolis Royal, to the Lord High Treasurer, praying for consideration, in being so long without pay, and for having pawned his credit for support of the forces. Encloses copy of—

"An account of wooding and other contingent charges of this his Majesty's garrison of Annapolis Royal, paid by the Hon^{ble} Major Thomas Caulfield, Lieut.-Governor, from Nov. the 7th 1713 to May the 1st 1714. Annapolis Royal, 11th 8^{ber} 1714." 5 *pages.*

Oct. 12. 5. M^{r} Carkesse to William Lowndes, Esq., Secretary to the Com^{rs} of the Treasury, in respect to a title to be made out to D^{r} Ratcliff of houses and lands (under extent) of M^{r} Edward Carlton, at Cashalton, and for allowing officers a moiety of their seizures. Custom House, London, 12 Oct. 1714. 1 *page.*

[Between July 30 and Oct. 13.] 6. Petition of Charles Godolphin, Esq., to the Lord High Treasurer. Served the Crown 23 years in the commission of the Customs without any just reproach, and made no advantage but his regular salary. When he could no longer do the public any service he petitioned to be discharged, which her Majesty allowed, expressing her special satisfaction with his services. Was not a little surprised to find his legal salary struck off by a stretch of the late Lord Treasurer's pleasure before the new commission passed the seal, which was unprecedented. Asks how it was done, and whether he deserved any such rigorous treatment.

Minuted:—"Granted to be paid from Xm̃as to 17th May, the date of the new Com^{on}." 1 *page.*

[? Between July and Oct. 13.] 7. J. Addison to his Grace the Lord Treasurer, for the issue by the Paymaster-General of 200*l.* to Captain Monroe, "M.P. for Scotland," who was on his departure thither upon business that required the utmost despatch.

Docquetted:—"M^{r} Addison. 200*l.* advance to Coll. Monro, on acco^{t} of clear^{gs} to y^{e} Reg^{t} of Orkney." 1 *page.*

[? After Oct. 13.] 8. Memorandum in the following terms:—"L^{d} Shrewsbury told me twas his Ma$^{tie's}$ pleasure that the L^{ds} Morley, Willoughby, Evers, Culpeper shou'd have somthing given them in present till his Ma^{tie} was ready to make some competent provision for their maintenance."

In the docquet there is:—"For his Ma$^{tie's}$ pleasure therein." 4 *lines.*

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[After Oct. 13.] 9. Petition of Edward Strong, senior, and Edward Strong, junior, masons, to the Lords of the Treasury. There is an arrear of 7,314*l.* 16*s.* 4*d.* due to the petitioners for materials and work at Blenheim House. When the building was stopped the petitioners applied to the Treasury several times but without success. Conceive that the sense of Parliament is that they ought to have been paid in full. Undated. 1 *page.*

[After Oct. 13.] 10. Memorial of M^{rs} Anna Ramsay, daughter to the deceased D^{r} Ramsay, late Bishop of Ross, in Scotland, to the Lords of the Treasury. Supported her father and mother on the abolition of episcopacy in Scotland, for which she was ordered 100*l.* out of the vacant stipends of the churches of Scotland. Afterwards it was to have been paid out of the Equivalent, but the Com^{rs} would not allow it; praying for provision to be made for her. 2 *pages.*

[After Oct. 13.] 11. Memorial to the Lords of the Treasury of Nathaniel Carpenter, in behalf of the regiment of foot, under the command of Major-General Joseph Wightman: praying to be allowed the difference between the English and Irish establishments to the time they landed in Ireland from Fort William in North Britain.

Also an account showing the days on which they landed at Donaghadee. 2 *pages.*

[? About Oct. 14.] 12. Memorial of Brigadier Lewis Petit to the Lords of the Treasury, in relation to the debts contracted at Port Mahon for the Government; praying payment, without which he will not be able to go to Port Mahon, where he is commanded to proceed.

Encloses an account of the moneys that remain unpaid upon the Bills of Exchange and notes given by him in connexion with the expenses of the fortifications at Port Mahon.

[Perhaps about 14 Oct. 1714. See *Minute Book,* Vol. 20, p. 1. Brigadier Petit was to attend on the following morning.] 4 *pages.*

Oct, 15. 13. M^{r} Secretary Burchett to M^{r} Lowndes. The Lords of the Admiralty desire that M^{r} Lowndes will move the Lords of the Treasury for their orders to the Com^{rs} of Customs to prepare instructions to their officers at the several governments and plantations (in a list annexed) in respect to passes for ships in the plantations trading in the way of the "Argireens." Admiralty Office, 15 Oct. 1714.

Minuted:—" W^{t} signed to Com^{rs} Customes, 19th do." 3 *pages.*

Oct. 19. 14. Order of Council directing the issuing of one moiety of gold and silver coin exported to the persons seizing the same. Dated 19 Oct. 1714. 2 *pages.*

[Sept. 18,—Oct. 21.] 15. Certificates by the Duke of Shrewsbury of the admission of the gentlemen and grooms of his Majesty's bedchamber to their offices. Between 18 Sept. and 21 Oct. 1714. 13 *pages.*

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Oct. 22. 16. Report of Auditor E. Harley to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Chetwynde, Esq., her late Majesty's Envoy at Turin, for allowances for his services and equipage for the campaign in Piedmont, anno 1711. He claimed, (1) 1,300*l.* for receiving and paying 273,419*l.* 15*s.* 4*d.*, viz., 10*s.* per cent.; (2) 500*l.* for his journey to England to make his accounts; (3) 2,083*l.* 18*s.* 9*d.* for maintaining his servants, mules, and horses. 22 Oct. 1714.

Minuted:—"19 Nov. 1714. Read." 3 *pages.*

Oct. 22. 17. Com^rs of Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury. Enclose the state of the debt of the office to 30 Sept., amounting to 118,963*l.* 12*s.* 1*d.*, with an account of the South Sea Stock, &c., in the Treasurer's hands, and pray for the order of further sums to meet the claims on them. They pray also for money to meet the claims that will be made by owners of lands required for the fortifications.

Minuted:—"3 Oct. 1714. Ordered so much as will redeem the tallys deposited with the Bank out of Lottery money."

Also the "State of the debt." 3 *pages.*

Oct. 22. 18. A state of what is incurred for interest on the tallies and orders deposited with the Bank of England; with the sums due to the Bank for interest of the loans by them advanced on the tallies and orders to the 22 October 1714; likewise the rates at which they may be disposed of. 1½ *pages.*

[? About Oct. 22.] 19. Petition of Edward, Earl of Clarendon, to the King. Grants for years were made in King Charles the Second's reign to the late Earl of St. Alban's, or others in trust for him, of lands near St. James's Square. Twenty years of the lease are unexpired, and the houses require rebuilding; prays for a lease thereof for 50 years.

Minuted:—"For a grant of lands. 22 Oct. 1714. Read. To the Surveyor-General for a state of the Bailywick of St, James's." 1 *page.*

Oct. 23. 20. Report of the Controllers of the Army to the Lords of the Treasury, on a memorial of the officers of several marine regiments that served in Spain during the time the Earl of Peterborough commanded there, as to an allowance for mules. Controller's Office, Privy Garden, 23 Oct. 1714.

Three other papers on the same subject. 6½ *pages.*

Oct. 24. 21. A particular of the stoppages to be made in England for the garrisons of Gibraltar and Minorca out of 61 days' subsistence from the 25th August 1714 to 24th October following, inclusive. 3 *pages.*

[About Oct. 26.] 22. Petition of Angelo Corticelli and Joseph Como, of London, merchants, and his Majesty's subjects, to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that M^r Luke Justiniano of Genoa stood indebted for 20 years past to the petitioners in about 4,000*l.* Detailing the steps taken in King William's and Queen Ann's time to obtain payment resulting in the seizure of two Genoese ships by Captain Forbes, which were carried to Port Mahon, on which the Marquis Sauli offered to pay M^r Chetwynd, her Majesty's Envoy at Genoa the

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debt; provided the ships were released, &c.; praying that a stop may be put to the remittance of the proceeds of the South Sea Stock, which certain trustees of a loan of 180,000*l.* to her Majesty are directed to sell until the Marquis Sauli has paid the petitioners.

The "case" and a duplicate, *the latter minuted*:—"26 Oct. 1714, M^{r} L. to discourse M. Viceti about this, & to acquaint him that my Lords having considered this pet^{n} think there is great equity in the pet^{rs} case. Their Lopp̃s recommend it to him that this matter be amicably composed am^{t} themselves without the Governm^{ts} interposing in it."

A report thereon unsigned. There are also various other papers of an earlier date relating to the claim, most of which are enclosures to a letter of "Dom^{co} M^{a} Viceti" on this subject. Dated London, 17 Nov. 1713. 37 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

Oct. 26. 23. "A list of the annuity orders after the determination of one and two lives remaining in the hands of Charles Cæsar, Esq^{re}, late Treasurer of his Majesty's navy, with an acco^{t} of which of the said lives are fallen into the Government, & the prices they can be disposed of." 26 Oct. 1714.

Also copies of the two accounts of interest due from the above Treasurer to the Bank made up and stated to 22 October 1714, by Tho. Mercer. 6 *pages and* 3 *halves.*

[About Oct. 26.] 24. Memorial of William Hanbury, Esq., to the Lords of the Treasury. Has had the charge of the Cotton Library ever since it was settled upon the public by his grandfather, Sir John Cotton. The Act securing the purchase of Cotton House to the Crown provides for ways and passages to the library. It being thought convenient to have the kitchen and other conveniences for the Coronation erected in the grounds, M^{r} Hanbury was informed that the boards and other materials were his perquisites; but M^{r} Lowndes and Sir Christopher Wren told him they belonged to the Crown. On the day after the Coronation D^{r} Bently, who has the custody of his Majesty's library in the same house, brought in a number of armed soldiers and seized the materials, worth 500*l.*, and sold them to M^{r} Wise and another for 120 guineas; and not only denied M^{r} Hanbury any part thereof, but by force shut him out of the garden and stopped the way to the library from the water gate, the better to carry off the goods. Asks for their Lordships' order thereon.

Minuted:—"26 Oct. 1714. To write to the officers of works to take care to bring these goods into his Ma^{ties} stores."

Also some memoranda touching the materials. 1½ *pages.*

Oct. 26. 25. Copy of a report from the Lords of the Treasury to the Lords of the Council on a report made to her late Majesty by the Com^{rs} of Trade, in relation to the settlement of that part of the Island of S^{t} Christopher, which was lately in the possession of the French. Entirely agree with the Com^{rs} of Trade as to the method proposed for selling the lands to the highest bidder, and for allowing the encouragement to the poorer sort of inhabitants proposed. Have no objection to the restoration of the lands of the French Protestant refugees, which they lost for their religion, whose cases have been reported on. Dated 26 Oct. 1714. [Probably an enclosure to a paper of later date.]

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. 20, p. 8, is :—" Write to my Lord Presidt that my Lords will be ready with their Report about St Xpophers by Thursda next, if there be a counsel." 2 *pages.*

Oct. 26. 26. Memoranda of remains of money at the ports of Chatham, Portsmouth, and Plymouth. 26 Oct. 1714. ½ *page.*

[? About Oct. 27.] 27. Petition of Thomas Napleton, of Feversham, Esqre, to the Lords of the Treasury. Was one of the first gentlemen of Kent who took arms for the service of King William, when Prince of Orange, and was for that reason, by name excepted from pardon by King James's Declaration, and has always steadily adhered to the Protestant interest and the Hanoverian succession; prays to be appointed a Comr of the Salt Office, or other offices which he mentions. " Recommended to your Ldsps by me, Rockingham."

Minuted :—" Read 27 Oct. 1714." 1 *page.*

Oct. 27. 28. Report of the Comrs for Taxes to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Sir Biby Lake, Bart., in behalf of himself, the sureties and creditors of Mr Robert Peters, late Receiver-Genl of Hertfordshire, as to the acceptance of a proposal for the payment of the debt of the latter. They think it will be " the most effectual means of ending the same."—Office for Hides, &c., 27 Oct. 1714.

Minuted :—" Agreed."

Seven other documents including previous reports and petitions. 10 *pages and* 3 *halves.*

Oct. 27. 29. Memorial of Mr J. Howe to the Lords of the Treasury. Lately subscribed to the Trustees for selling and disposing of all the South Sea Stock belonging to the public, viz., 103,427*l.* 16*s.* 11¾*d.* which he had received, and was just then ready to issue for clearings and off-reckonings to the troops. Has daily representations from the clothiers of their sufferings and disappointment, their creditors requiring immediate payment, &c. Asks for payment. Dated 27 Oct. 1714.

" Read 28 Oct. 1714 v. ye *Min. Book* [Vol. 20, p. 12]."

The minute referred to is :—" Mr Meriel p̃sents a meml for 103,427*l.* 16*s.* 11¾*d.* in lieu of ye S. S. stock transferred by Mr How to ye Trustees for sale. He will propose the proporc̃ons in wc̃h he would receive it." 1 *page.*

Oct. 27. 30. Copy of Order in Council on the petition of Stephen Duport Agent for the Island of St Christopher, in behalf of himself, Mary Maillard, Francis Guychard, and others praying to be considered in the distribution of the French part of the island, and another petition relating to insolencies committed by Irish and French papists residing in that island, which the inhabitants prayed might speedily be redressed; referring the same to the Com^{rs} of Trade to consider and report thereon. Dated 27 Oct. 1714.

Also the copies of seven petitions. 10½ *pages.*

Oct. 28. 31. Order of Council on a representation of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign parts, relating to the great necessity and want the inhabitants of his Majesty's plantations and colonies in America lie under, for want of Bishops to preside there, for the better foundation of their religion and the more orderly administration of the Holy word and sacrament, and proposing a proper maintenance for them. Referring the representation to the Lords of the Treasury to consider and report thereon. 28 Oct. 1714.

The representation referred to. The Society proposed the appointment of four bishops, (1st) for Barbadoes and the Leeward Islands, (2nd) for Jamaica, with Bahama and Bermuda Islands, (3rd) for the continent at Burlington in New Jersey; the district to extend from the east side of Delaware River to the utmost bounds of his Majesty's dominions eastward, including Newfoundland, and (4th) at Williamsberg in Virginia, the district extending from the west side of Delaware River to the utmost bounds of his Majesty's dominions westward.

Also an extract from the journals of the Society. 5 *pages.*

Oct. 29. 32. John, Bishop of London to the King. Respecting pensions granted by the Crown to ministers of the Protestant religion out of the kingdom. The Bishops of London have always had the direction of the affairs of the Protestant religion as well in the colonies of America, as elsewhere in foreign countries. Informs his Majesty of the pensions granted by the Crown in hopes of their continuance.

King William gave 20*l.* to each minister and schoolmaster going to the western colonies, and this was continued by her late Majesty. He also granted, and her late Majesty continued, a pension of 40*l.* to the British chaplain at Stockholm to take care of the French congregation, the laws of the country not permitting the exercise of their religion otherwise than under the protection of the chapel of the British minister.

Her late Majesty gave 100*l.* a year to each of the Episcopal ministers at Amsterdam.

In the western colonies there are established salaries, viz.:—The "Commissaire" of Virginia receives annually 100*l.* from certain imposts there.

The minister of Philadelphia in Pennsylvania 50*l.* per ann. from the coast trade. The late Queen promised 50*l.* a year more.

The late Queen ordered the payment of 100*l.* a year out of the 4½ per cent. appropriated to the Crown in the Island of Montserrat, to M^{r} Cruckshanks, the minister, in consideration of his losses by the French invasion.

The Assistant Minister at Boston has had a settled salary of 100*l.* per ann., payable by M^{r} Nicholas.

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The late Queen gave an annual pension of 555*l.* to the ministers and schoolmasters in the valleys of Piedmont and to the Vaudois established in some places of Germany, to be received by Mr Hill from Mr Nicholas.

Her Majesty also gave out of her private charity 90 guineas per annum to the late Bishop of London, of which 30 were sent to Mr Holmes, her chaplain at Algiers, to encourage him to master the Moorish, Arabic, and Turkish languages, in which he had made considerable progress, and the remainder was for the education of two young Vaudois who have studied under the direction of the Bishop of London with the design of becoming ministers in their own country; the one is at Cambridge, the other at school, and will be soon ready to go to one of the universities.

King William granted, and the late Queen continued, 15,000*l.* sterling a year to the French Protestant refugees. (French).

Minuted:—"Read 29 Oct. 1714. To be considered." 3 *pages.*

Oct. 30. 33. Memorial of Henry Baker to the Lords of the Treasury. Has attended as solicitor for the affairs of the Treasury for nearly 20 years, at a salary of 200*l.* per ann., payable out of such money in the Receipt of the Exchequer, as is applicable to the Civil Government. For six years past has received no part thereof; praying directions to be given for the same.

Also certificate of the Deputy Auditors in confirmation.

Minuted:—"This is to be p̃d out of ye late Queen's arrears when there is sufficient in ye Excheqr for yt purpose." 2 *pages.*

[? Oct. or later.] 34. Petition of John Smith, *alias* Thompson, and Abraham White, *alias* Crettall, to the Lords of the Treasury. Praying to be discharged from their forfeiture and imprisonment. They are charged with lading certain wool with intent to export the same.

Another petition and four other papers on the same subject, all of a previous date. 11 *pages in a very decayed state.*

[? About Oct. or Nov.] 35. Memoranda as to the salary of Mr Vice-Chamberlain Coke, which he says was settled by her late Majesty at 1,000*l.* per ann., and to be paid out of the Royal Bounty in order that it might not be a precedent. 850*l.* was due up to Midsummer. 1 *page, quarto.*

Nov. 1. 36. Copy of the establishment for the regiments of Orkney, Forfar, Webb, Hill, Orrery, and Sutton. 1 Nov. 1714. 2 *pages.*

Nov. 1. 37. "Mr Pulteney's report upon the memorial of Mr Walpole, relating to the regulation of subs[isten]ce." Whitehall, 1 Nov. 1714.

The memorial referred to, and "Regulation of subsistence establish'd by King William in the year 1699." 5 *pages.*

[? About Nov. 2.] 38. Petition of Sir Charles Cox of Southwark to the Lords of the Treasury. Has served 19 years in Parliament for Southwark, to the neglect of his private affairs. Has also lost some thousands of pounds by fire in Southwark; prays for an appointment.

Minuted:—"Read 2 Nov. 1714. To be considered." 1 *page.*

1714. Nov. 3. 39. An account of the officers employed in the management of the duties on hawkers and pedlars, and of their respective salaries; and also the annual charge as near as may be relating thereto. Office for Licencing Hawkers and Pedlars, 3^{d} November 1714. Signed by the Com^{rs}. 1 *page.*

[? About Nov. 3.] 40. Memorial of the Earl of Dorset and Middlesex. The salaries of the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports and Judge of the Admiralty Court at Dover, and Steward of the Court of Chancery are paid out of the profits of the Prize Office. The Earl was constituted Constable of Dover Castle and Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, 8 Dec. 1708, and so continued until June 1713; the Prize Office having been suppressed, he received no salary. The Lord Treasurer (Godolphin) thought the salaries should be put on another establishment, but was removed before the matter was settled.

Minuted:—" 3 Nov. 1714. See the acco^{ts} & how formerly paid." 1 *page.*

Nov. 3. 41. Charles Hornby to W^{m} Lowndes, Esq. As to proceedings in the Pipe Office touching a lease lately passed under the Exchequer seal to Richard Smith, Doctor in Physic, and Johnshall Crosse, Esq., of tithes in Dinton in the county of Bucks. Concludes thus:—" It has alwaies been the custom, as well in the Treãry as other offices, that on any alteration, those in place have proceeded where their ꝑdecesso^{rs} left off: for in so long & expensive a proceeding, if suitors were to begin *de novo* on a change in the offices through which they pass, the charge and trouble would be so great, as would utterly discourage them from attempting to obtain leases from the Crown, would be a great oppression on the subject, and a lease (*sic.* ? loss) to this part of the Revenue."—Pipe Office, Nov. 3, 1714.

[The endorsement states that it was an estate, late M^{r} Mayne's, forfeited for treason.] 1 *page.*

[? About Nov. 4.] 42. Memorial of the East India Company to the Lords of the Treasury. Praying that the proceedings instituted by the Attorney General against them (to compel them, according to a new method of computation, to pay a greater sum than usual, for the duties of several unrated goods), may be stayed till the end of the next session of Parliament.

[The Attorney General gave it as his opinion that the duties should be computed by an operation of algebra. The Company conceive it would be impracticable.]

Minuted:—" 4 November 1714. Read. My Lords do not think it advisable to stay proceedings." 2 *pages.*

Nov. 9. 43. Petition of Captain Nicholas Masterson to the Lords of the Treasury. Praying payment of his pension, granted for the loss of his leg, and for other wounds received at the battle of Tanniers near Mons.

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Minuted :—" 5 Nov^r 1714. Desire M^r Merrel to informe my Lords whether this pencõn was comp̃hended in ye provision by Parl^t."

M^r Merrill's report is indorsed on the petition, giving the reasons why it was not paid. Dated 9 Nov. 1714. 2 *pages.*

Nov. 10. 44. Report of M^r Auditor Godolphin to the Lords of the Treasury. Annexes a true state of the accounts of the land revenue as they are depending in his office. The report touches (1) the accounts of Roger Whitley, Esq., deceased, formerly receiver for North Wales and the county palatine of Chester, and of his deputies. (2) the account of M^r Rose, receiver for Nottingham and Lincoln, and (3) the account of M^r Gilliver, late receiver for Derby. Dated Nov. 10, 1714. 14 *pages.*

Minuted :—" Ult. Xbr. 1717. Send for a new rep̃sentacõn."

Nov. 10. 45. A state of all accounts of his Majesty's land revenue within the division of M^r Jett, behind and undeclared to Michaelmas 1713 inclusive, with the names of the several receivers thereof. Signed :—" Tho. Jett, Auditor, Nov^r 10th 1714."

Minuted :—" Ult. Xbr. 1717. Send for a new state." 1½ *pages.*

Nov. 10. 46. Report of Alexander Pendarves, Surveyor-General, to the Lords [of the Treasury] on the methods and rules he had observed in relation to the fines, or prices set on estates petitioned for, either in possession or reversion. His charge was for a full term of three lives, or 31 years'—eight to ten years' value ; two lives in reversion of one—three years' value ; one life in reversion of two—one year's value. Dated 10 Nov. 1714.

Minuted :—" Read 15 Nov. 1714." 1½ *pages.*

[? About Nov. 11.] 47. Memorial of all the officers of the late General Farrington's, now Lord Mark Kerr's, regiment, to the Lords of the Treasury. On the 22nd of Feb. 1712 they were ordered home from Gibraltar, to be placed at the head of another corps. From 22 Feb. to 24 Nov. following, they had received no pay. Pray for payment.

Minuted :—" 11 Nov. 1714. Ref. to Compt^{rs}." 1 *page.*

Nov. 11. 48. Copy of a minute of the Trustees for the South Sea Stock made on a minute of the Treasury of 28 Oct. 1714, touching the advance by the Trustees of a loan of 200,000*l.* It will be necessary to have a warrant from the Lords of the Treasury. 11 Nov. 1714.

Minuted :—" W^t signed."

Also the Treasury Minute. 1½ *pages.*

Nov. 12. 49. Com^{rs} for Wine Licences to the Lords of the Treasury. Transmit a copy of the Establishment of the officers and their respective salaries, and an estimate of the other annual charges taken from the accounts of the year 1713. Dated Wine Licence Office, 12 Nov. 1714. 1 *page.*

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Nov. 12. 50. Report of the Com^{rs} of the Navy to M^{r} Taylour (Treasury), on the petition of Benjamin Edmonds, merchant, touching the bills of exchange drawn by the commanders of several of his Majesty's ships from New England and New York, which have not been accepted, and for which he desires payment. The contract was at 45*l.* per cent. exchange. Navy Office, 12 Nov. 1714.

Minuted:—"Read the 24 Nov. 1714, The pet^{r} to have a copy." The petition and a list of the bills of exchange. 10 *pages.*

[After Nov. 12.] 51. The answer of Jane Edmonds, widow of Benjamin Edmonds, deceased, to the report of the Com^{rs} of the Navy, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury. Prays that their L^{ps} will order payment of her bills and charge upon the respective commanders the money they have taken up, &c.

Copy of an order for payment by Sir Hovenden Walker. 4 *pages.*

[? About Nov. 12.] 52. Memorial of Richard Topham, Esq., to the Lords of the Treasury. Her late Majesty, by warrant of 5 March, fifth year of her reign, directed the Master of the Rolls to grant to him the office of Keeper of the Records within the Tower of London; the bare fees of the office were not sufficient for the charges thereof, and her Majesty, by letters patent, granted the usual salary of 500*l.* per ann. during pleasure. The letters patent determined by demise of her Majesty. Prays that the salary may be renewed, as it had been constantly granted to all his predecessors since the taking away of the Court of Wards and Liveries.

Minuted:—"12th Nov. 1714. Order'd accordingly." 1 *page.*

[? About Nov. 12.] 53. Petition of the Keepers of the Great Park at Windsor to the Lords of the Treasury. The palings of the park are so ruinous that the deer daily get out and are killed by the country people. The young woods suffer very much from the deer and cattle, and several of the bridges are broken down and impassable, and the repairs of the lodges were left unfinished three years before. Pray directions.

Minuted:—"12 Nov^{r} 1714. M^{r} Wilcox's states of acco^{ts} w^{n} bro^{t} in my Lords will consider w^{t} is fit to be done herein." 1 *page.*

Nov. 12. 54. John Rudge to ———. Respecting the loan of 60,000*l.* made by the Bank on the Treasury Minute of 3 Aug. last. There remain 30,000*l.* of the principal due to the Bank, and interest. Nov. 12, 1714.

Docquetted:—"Gov^{r} Bank ab^{t} Navy Tallys deposited." *Minuted:*—"To be read w^{n} Treãr Navy is here." 1 *page, quarto.*

Nov. 12. 55. Memorial of Mary, Duchess of Ormonde, one of the ladies of the bedchamber to her late Majesty at her decease, to the Lords of the Treasury, praying payment of her salary equally with the other ladies, from Lady Day 1714. 12 Nov. 1714. 1 *page, quarto.*

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[? About Nov. 15.] 56. Memorial of J. Swinford to the R^t^ Hon. the Earl of Halifax, First Commissioner of the Treasury. Performed the function of secretary to the embassy of the Duke of Shrewsbury, but had no privy seal for any allowance. On his return from France his Grace presented him to the Queen, and recommended him to the Earl of Oxford, then Lord Treasurer, who promised to move the Queen in his behalf, but on the change of affairs nothing was done. Prays that his case may be recommended to his Majesty that his great expense may be allowed.

Minuted :—"Read 15th Nov^r^ 1714. It doth not appear that he was appointed by the Queen to be her Sec^ry^ of y^e^ embassy, & my Lords say it is alwaies nec^ry^ that they should have a significacõn under y^e^ privy seal when any sec^ry^ is appointed, & of the allowance to be made him before they can direct any payments." 1 *page*.

[? About Nov. 15.] 57. Report of the Com^rs^ of the Navy to M^r^ Lowndes, on the petition of Robert Knott & others belonging to his Majesty's ship "Hampton Court." They were not paid when the ship was paid, and consequently are to be paid in the "course of recalls," when their Lordships shall appoint the money. It is the case of many ships.

Written on the back of the petition, which was referred for report on 15 Nov. 1714.

Minuted :—"My L^d^ will furnish m^o^ for recalls as soon as they can." 2 *pages*.

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Nov. 16. 1. Report of the Com^rs^ of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, laying before their lordships a copy of the Establishment of the officers of the Excise, malt, candles, &c., and their salaries; also an estimate of the annual charge of the management thereof. Excise Office, London, 16 Nov. 1714. 16 *pages*.

Nov. 16. 2. Certificate of the "sovereigne" bailiffs, burgesses and common council of the borough of Athlone, testifying that Lemuell Hodgson, gent., Surveyor of Excise for Athlone, has in the worst of times, to the hazard of his employment, been reputed a whig, has expressed himself with remarkable zeal and integrity for the succession of the house of Hanover, vindicating his Majesty's right against all papists, jacobites, and other friends to the Pretender, &c., for which they have presented him with the freedom of the borough, and this certificate. 16 Nov. 1714. 20 signatures. 1 *page*.

[? About Nov. 16.] 3. Two memorials of Lady Charlotte Lovelace to the King, detailing the losses of her husband, Lord Lovelace, by being put on the establishment of Ireland, in place of that of England; and on being made governor of New York, by having been reimbursed only

400*l.* of the charge of his equipage, which amounted to 3,000*l.* He had been but five months in his government when he died, leaving his wife enceinte, and with two other children. His sickness was caused by the rigour of the voyage, &c. The creditors have become more importunate than ever, and have commenced process against her for her husband's debts.

Minuted:—"16 Nov. 1714. M^{r} Nicholas to certifye my Lords w^{t} remained due to my Lady Lovelace on her pencõn, at the time of the Queen's demise. M^{r} Godfrey certifys that she is paid to Midsm^{r} 1714." "W^{t} for 100 bounty." 3 *pages.*

Oct. 5— Nov. 16. 4. Four certificates returned weekly of receipts on the subscriptions for 885,703*l.* 14*s.* 7½*d.*, South Sea Stock. Signed Robert Knight, Rec^{r}: addressed to William Lowndes, Esq. Dated, Southsea House, between 5 Oct. and 16 Nov. 1714. 4 *pages.*

Nov. 15. 5. Several papers relating to bills drawn by Captain Paddon, who had the Queen's command to offer the Alcaid of Alcazar a present of 2,000 dollars, and even to go a little further, rather than not procure the liberty of her Majesty's subjects. He was also her Majesty's plenipotentiary to make peace with the Emperor of Morocco. He was obliged to purchase three Moors for 70*l.* 10*s.*, being slaves to the Genoese Consul at Gibraltar, in order to facilitate the peace and to bring her Majesty's subjects from Barbary. Various dates; the last appears to be 15 Nov. 1714.

There is also an abstract of some of the papers. 8 *pages, or parts of pages.*

Nov. 17. 6. Recommendation of Sir Stephen Fox to the Lords of the Treasury of M^{rs} Ann Whittle, daughter of M^{r} Richard Whittle, late Apothecary-General to the Army from the Restoration to 1689. She had been admitted to the Royal Bounty usually paid from M^{r} Nicholas's office. Sir Stephen asks for a continuance of the support. Nov. 17, 1714. ½ *page.*

Nov. 18. 7. Memorial to the Lords of the Treasury of Richard Marshall, stud-master to her late Majesty. 460*l.* were due to him on 1 Aug. last, for keeping the stud and other incidents; prays payment. Dated Nov. 18, 1714.

Minuted:—"Ordered."

Also his bill which was for six running horses at Newmarket, and for managing the running for her Majesty's plates. 2 *pages.*

Nov. 19. 8. Report of the Auditor (E. Harley) on the accounts of Sir Roger Mostyn of his receipts and issues as Paymaster of the late marine regiments. There is no occasion for the accountant to defer the delivery of his accounts and vouchers to the auditors, &c. Dated Nov. 19, 1714.

Enclosed is:—"A state of S^{r} R. M., his rec^{ts} & issues, 11th Nov^{r} 1714."

Minuted:—"19 Nov^{r} 1714. My Lords order S^{r} Roger to exhibit his acco^{t} with the vouchers so as a true state may be made by the Aud^{rs} with as much expedicõn as may be." 4 *pages.*

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1714. Nov. 19. 9. Sir Isaac Newton to the Earl of Halifax. Has spoken to M^{r} Eyres, and his answer is that he can make the experiment in a horse mill, and within a week will deliver into the Mint a hundred weight of bars drawn after the manner proposed by him. But a water mill is cheaper, and goes with more strength for making despatch, with fewer draughts and less waste of the metal; and so enables him to perform the undertaking at a cheaper rate. Dated 19 Nov. 1714.

The work referred to was the drawing of fillets to make copper farthings and half-pence. See *Minute Book*, Vol. 20, p. 28.

Minuted:—"Read 19th Nov^{r} 1714. My Lords desire M^{r} Eyres to go on wth all the expedic͠on that may be." 1 *page, quarto.*

Nov. 18 and 20. 10. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of John Tasker, Thomas Bunce, and others, in behalf of themselves and the under coal meters of the city of London, complaining of a delay in this board, in making a report on a former reference relating to the under-meters; and desiring their Lordships' order for a report to be made.

Refer to their report of 21 July last on the subject, a report and order of the Court of Aldermen, and a letter from Sir John Parsons, which they have reconsidered, but see no cause to alter their opinion, which is that the agreement made with the 15 principal coal meters to allow them a half-penny per chaldron for coals delivered, shall be continued &c.

Offer these further reasons for their opinion, viz., that the upper meters insist on their right to place or displace the under-meters, who are their servants; therefore the under-meters are not in a capacity to make any agreement with this board: that the upper-meters are all persons of substance and reputation: that the coal-meters' office has been under a regulation for many years, and they, having an allowance from the city, are enabled to undertake the work cheaper than any other persons can, and for much less than the petitioners offer to do it, and that the upper coal meters often declared to this board, that unless the contract were made with them distinct from their servants, the under-meters, they could not carry on the service. As to deputations to under coal meters to search ships and seize prohibited goods, are of opinion that the granting such deputations to persons who have no certain salaries, and are not employed by the board, is a detriment to the revenue. The principal coal meters report that they have long since dismissed all their deputies, and their successors are fully satisfied. The dispute relating to the allowance to the petitioners is still depending in the Court of Exchequer; and the right of placing or displacing the under-meters lies before the Common Council. Custom House, 18 Nov. 1714.

Minuted:—"22 Dec^{r} 1714, Read."

Eight other papers, including the petition referred to, and M^{r} Baron Price's award in the same matter, which is in favour of the under-meters, dated 20 Nov. 1714. 17 *pages.*

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1714. Nov. 21. 11. Report of Mr Thomas Jett, Auditor, on the petition of John Richmond Webb, Esq., as to the surplusage on his declared account for the year 1713, as Governor of the Isle of Wight. Also the petition, the letter referring it to the auditor, a certificate and a brief state of the declared account. 5 *pages.*

[About Nov. 22.] 12. Petition of Lord James Murray, brother to the Duke of Athol, to the Lords of the Treasury, praying that the grant to him of the office of Receiver General and Cashier of the Customs of Scotland, vacant by the death of Mr Graydon, may be perfected, her late Majesty's sudden illness having prevented her from completing the same.

Minuted:—"Read 22 Nov. 1714."

Also the copy of the warrant. 2 *pages.*

[? About Nov. 22.] 13. Petition of James Stewart to the King. Is lineally descended from the next male branch of the family of Lenox, after Henry, Lord Darnley, eldest son of the Earl of Lenox, and father of King James the Sixth of Scotland and First of England, his Majesty's great grandfather, as appears by a copy of a certificate annexed; prays that some post or pension for life may be bestowed upon him.

Minuted:—"22 Nov. 1714, my Lds can do nothing in this."

The copy of the certificate referred to. 2 *pages.*

[About Nov. 22.] 14. Petition of John Viscount Lisburne and Baron of Feathers in the Kingdom of Ireland, for a renewal of the grant of the office of Steward and Keeper of the Courts and Liberties of the Lordships and Manors of "Mevenneth, Croythyn, Hemmniock, Caerwedros, and Perveth" in the county of Cardigan, which the petitioner held until the demise of her late Majesty.

Minuted:—"22 Nov. 1714. Prepare a warrt." 1 *page.*

[? About Nov. 23.] 15. Memorial of James Scott, Esq., his Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary to the King of Poland, praying payment of 400*l.* for hire of wagon and baggage horses in his journeys in 1711, 1712, and 1713, when he travelled above 2,000 miles.

? About 23 Nov. 1714. See *Money Book*, Vol. 23, p. 410. 1 *page, quarto.*

[About Nov. 23.] 16. Memorial of Brigadier William Bretton, Envoy at the Court of Prussia, to the Lords of the Treasury, praying payment of his charge for putting himself and family in mourning on the decease of the late King of Prussia.

Undated, but ? about 23 Nov. 1714. See *Money Book*, Vol. 23, p. 416. 1 *page.*

Nov. 23. 17. Letter signed:—"I. R. waiting at the dore," to the Hon. Sir Richard Onslow, Bart. Proposed in two letters, signed I. R., directed to his honour and to the Honble Board of Admiralty, to lay before them the great abuses committed by the Navy, to which he received no answer. The matter partly related to the Custom House. Dated 23 Nov. 1714.

Minuted:—"The person sent to the Commissrs of Customs. Novr 23 1714." 1 *page.*

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1714. Nov. 24. 18. Report of Sir Christopher Wren to the Lords of the Treasury, giving the particulars of the work done in setting up the Diana fountain, in the great bason in Bushey Park at Hampton Court. Dated, Office of his Majesty's Works, 24 Nov. 1714. 5 *large pages.*

[? About Nov. 26.] 19. Petition of John Hodgson, George Luxford, and George Sawbridge to the Lords of the Treasury. Petitioners were bound for one Thomas Wells, an Inspector of the Surveyors, employed by the Com^{rs} for the duty on hawkers and pedlars, who was forced to give up his employment in Sept. 1713, and was indebted to that revenue 189*l.* 9*s.*; praying that just allowances may be made for his services and losses to go in discharge of their bond.

Referred to the Com^{rs} for Hawkers and Pedlars, 26 Nov. 1714.

Enclosed is Wells' account of the duty arising by hawkers and pedlars. Sworn 23 June 1713. 5 *pages.*

Nov. 26. 20. "Account of the assignments to be directed to be paid, that Sir Bibye Lake, in pursuance of his proposal to the R^{t} Hon^{ble} the Lords Com^{rs} of the Treasury, may be enabled to discharge the debt due to his Majesty from Robert Peters, late Receiver-General of Hertfordshire." Dated 26 Nov. 1714. 1 *large page.*

Nov. 26. 21. Lord Townshend to the Lords of the Treasury. Encloses a memorial of Don Manuel Mercader and D^{r} Francisco Sancho, who came from the Island of Minorca upon the public service. Signifies the King's pleasure that each of them should be allowed 100*l.* Dated Whitehall, 26 Nov. 1714.

The memorial to the King referred to, and a memorial to the Lords of the Treasury. (French).

Minuted:—"26 Nov. 1714, Mercader & Sancho from Minorca, to settle a forme of Gov̑ment 100^{li} each." *Again*:—"7 Xbr. 1714. Forme a penc͠on to the board to move the King on y^{r} behalfe, and my Lords will take y^{e} Ks̃ pŧ." 3 *pages.*

[? About Nov. 27.] 22. Proposal of Sir John Lambert, Bart., and Edward Gibbon to the Lords of the Treasury as to the sale of his Majesty's tin at Hamburgh.

Minuted:—"27 Nov. 1714. Read." 1 *page.*

[? About Nov. 27.] 23. Moses Beranger and John Gore to the Lords of the Treasury, giving their reasons why they could not comply with their Lordships' desire for a loan on the deposit of his Majesty's tin at Hamburgh.

Minuted:—"27 Nov^{r} 1714. Read." 2 *pages.*

Nov. 29. 24. J. Vanbrugh to the Earl of Halifax. Sends a few heads for the future settlement and reformation of the Board of Works. In whatever station he was placed by the Earl would do what he could to be truly serviceable to the King. Dated 29 Nov. 1714.

The "heads" referred to. 2½ *pages.*

Nov. 29. 25. Robert Sedgwick (in the absence of the Master of the Jewel Office) to my Lords. Finds the charge of the Coronation amounts to 14,850*l.*, as connected with the Jewel Office. Dated Jewel Office, 29 Nov. 1714. 1 *page.*

[About Nov. 29.] 26. Petition of M^{r} Edward Pauncfort to the Lords of the Treasury. Paid 3,500*l.* to Lord Howe to surrender to petitioner his employment as Controller of Excise. Three months afterwards the Lord Treasurer prevailed with petitioner to quit that office, and accept that of cashier, to make way for the present controller, by which means M^{r} Meriton, the then cashier (who was to be removed for some quarrel in the office) was reimbursed the 4,000*l.* he laid down in order to succeed M^{r} Hall. Is about to be removed from his employment without any regard to the manner of his coming in. Prays that some expedient may be found, either in his remaining in his post or by an equivalent.

Minuted:—"29 Nov. 1714. The place is already disposed of, and my L^{ds} do not think fit there should be any mony given for employm^{ts} in y^{e} revenue." 1 *page.*

Nov. 29. 27. An account of the several persons standing in debt to the revenue on salt in Michaelmas term 1714, and the proceedings that have been made against them, and what has been recovered. [Michaelmas term ended 29 Nov.] 11½ *pages.*

Nov. 30. 28. An account of South Sea Stock, subscribed in the name of James Brydges, Esq., for the use of the public, and what transfers have been made thereout. Dated Whitehall, 30 Nov. 1714. 2 *pages.*

Dec. 1. 29. William Pulteney to the Lords of the Treasury. Sends copy of the Foreign and Home subsistence as established by King William and Queen Mary, the greater part being reduced. Submits whether the whole army then on foot may be brought under the same regulation. Dated Whitehall, 1 Dec. 1714.

Minuted:—"7 X^{ber} 1714. Read, and my Lords agree to the regulac͞on for the greater subsistence."

The enclosure, entitled, "The regulation of subsistence established by King William in the year 1699." 3 *pages.*

Dec. 2. 30. Report from the Officers of Works to the Lords of the Treasury on the charges of the Coronation. It is impossible to make a just estimate of the expense beforehand, according to the late instructions, neither can they for the funeral of the late Queen, nor for the sudden exigency for the reception of his Majesty at Greenwich. Pray for a sufficient warrant for these expenses. Dated Office of Works, December 2, 1714.

Minuted:—"M^{d}, there was an abatem^{t} made out of this demand by the new Board of Works."

[About Dec. 3.] 31. Petition of the Earl of Radnor to the King for renewal of his patent as Constable of Carnarvon Castle, the office of Ranger of the Forest of Snowdon, and Steward of the Courts of the Lordships, &c. of the late monastery of Bardsey, all in the county of Carnarvon.

Minuted:—"To be layd before the K." *Again*: "Granted."

[The patent was granted 3 Dec. 1714.] 1 *page.*

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Dec. 4. 32. An account of the charges in the office of the Great Wardrobe, relating to his Majesty's Coronation. Dated Great Wardrobe, 4 Dec. 1714. 1 *page.*

Dec. 6. 33. Memorial of the R^{t} Hon. Francis, Earl of Godolphin, Cofferer of the Household, to the Lords of the Treasury for an advance of of 9,850*l.* to be distributed among the purveyors who supplied the Royal family with provisions. Dated S^{t} James's, Cofferer's Office, 6 Dec. 1714.

P.S.—M^{r} Lowman has been directed to prepare an account of the charges in the Cofferer's Office of the Coronation.

Minuted:—"7 Dec. 1714. Orderd."

Enclosed is the letter to the Cofferer from the Board of Green Cloth in pursuance of which the memorial was sent. 2 *pages.*

Dec. 6. 34. Jon^{a} [? Jonathan] Watson to John Taylor, Esq., "Secr̃y. to the Lords of his Majesty's Treasury." If not prevented, red and fallow deer will be destroyed in Holt Forest. Men come in great numbers and carry them away on horseback, and timber bushes are daily cut down and carried off. Asks for a proclamation or troops to be sent to Farnham, or an additional number of assistant keepers. "Why, pray, is not on such complaints the Surveyor of the Woods sent down to view, and report the facts before it be too late?" Also asks that this letter and memorial may be laid before their Lordships. Dated 6 Dec. 1714.

Minuted:—"Sir Basil Dixwell to be restored."

The memorial of M^{rs} Ruperta Howe, Chief Ranger and Keeper of the Forest and Chace of Alice Holt and Woolmer, in the county of Southampton, drawing attention to previous memorials to the same effect as the above. A wood, called Binswood, containing about 160 acres, well stocked with young thriving timber trees, has been cut down and disposed of for his own use by Sir Simon Stuart. Dated London, 29 Nov. 1714. 2½ *pages.*

Dec. 6. 35. Order of Council on the petition of divers cowkeepers of Newington, in the county of Surrey, which sets forth the great losses they have sustained by the infection that has for some time raged and destroyed great numbers of their cows, and prays for relief. The bounty, if continued, will amount to an excessive sum, and it has not produced the effects hoped for from it. No further allowance is to be made for any cows that die after the 8th of Dec.; but his Majesty, intending to consider a proper method of relief for those who bury their cattle and comply with necessary directions, orders that the justices continue to take exact account of all cattle that die by infection and are buried in sufficient depth of earth. Dated 6 Dec. 1714. 1½ *pages.*

Dec. 8. 36. Com^{rs} of the Navy to William Lowndes, Esq. Send a book, containing an abstract of the rates and prices of stores for which the Board contracted. The "course" is upwards of three months in arrear, and they pray that provision may be made for it, or the contractors will cease to serve on the contracts, and expect new ones at higher prices. Dated 8 Dec. 1714. 1¼ *pages.*

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Dec. 9. 37. Lord Townsend to the Lords of the Treasury. M^{r} Clement, having resided at Vienna, and corresponded with the Secretaries of State for three years, and the King having ordered his recall, his Majesty desires that directions shall be given for paying him 400*l.*, besides the 800*l.* he has already received in the late Queen's time. Dated Whitehall, 9 Dec. 1714.

Minuted :—"A warr^{t} to be prepared." 1 *page.*

Dec. 12. 38. Tho. Beho to "Jon^{a} Watson, Esq., at his house in Pall Mall Courte." At the direction of Captain Garston, gives an account of the state of the forest of [? Alice Holt] and Woolmer. The state of the forest was never worse, for there is nothing but what tends to the destruction of vert and venison. The number of the deer left is about 450, but the great part of them "Rascald deare," the male deer being very much destroyed and lessened since the Queen's death, and since the country has taken to shooting, and coming in a riotous manner, 40 or 50 loads of bushes have been cut in the "Straights," and other damages done. Dated Great Lodge, 12 Dec. 1714. 1 *page.*

Nov. 6—
Dec. 14. 39. Five reports of the Justices of the Peace, to whom the care of the distempered cattle in the county of Middlesex was committed, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, viz. :—

(1.) Nov. 6. They (the justices) report that the new distemper affects the entrails and is very malignant and infectious, but for a particular account of the nature of the distemper they refer to a report of M^{r} Bates, a surgeon employed by the Government. They cannot certainly determine the cause of the distemper, although it does not seem to have proceeded from unwholesome food or want of water, but chiefly from the extraordinary drought of the previous summer and winter, whereby the grass failing of its usual moisture, the cows wanted those natural purgations in the spring, which in other years they always had, and which seem to be necessary to their health; and by means of this uncommon drought, it may have happened that more than an usual quantity of unwholesome vapour was engendered in the earth, and was locked up therein, till loosened and put in motion by the late rains, when they were sucked in by the cows with their food and breath. No medicine hitherto used ("tho' all sorts and of all operations have been tried") has been effectual. To prevent the spread of the infection they bought and burnt the sick cows whilst they had orders so to do.

Ordered the separation of the sick from the healthy, and the cleansing and purifying of the cowhouses with pitch, tar, and lime-wash, and that no sound cows should be put into any fields where the others had grazed within six weeks at least. All the cows they bought they caused to be burnt and buried in pits about 16 feet deep, and to be covered 10 feet thick with earth. Contracted with the rakers and scavengers for several hundred loads of rubbish to be carried thither. Received many complaints where the cowkeepers buried their own cows as all have done for a fortnight past; particularly that several of them have dug them up again for their hides, that others are buried so shallow that their limbs appear above ground and occasion a stench. Up to the 16th of Oct. have killed and burnt 715 cows, the charge of which is 1,612*l.* 15*s.* 1*d.*, at an average of 45*s.* per cow. They have also received accounts of about 500 cows more buried by the owners between 16 and 30 October, and from that time to the present, 121 cows and some few calves have been buried with lime according to the last orders. There are 70 cows sick and not yet buried. The whole cost, thus far, amounts to about 3,300*l.* The distemper has spread by their being interfered with in their destroying and burning from day to day, as the cows fall sick. Recommend that method to be pursued. The distemper has already spread into all the parishes on the north side of London, from Poplar to St James's and St Margaret's, Westminster. Altho' this method has not put an entire stop to the disease, yet it tends to preserve the health of the people, by destroying those cows which, with their milk, would have been sold and eaten by the poor people, as all were, before this method was taken. Fear this will be continued unless the Government interpose, as there are no laws to hinder it. To prevent fraud, they examine on oath and keep a check upon all the cowkeepers about Islington and others, as to the number of sound and sick cows that they have.

Minuted:—"6 Nov. 1714. My Lords exhort the Justices to continue their diligence."

(2.) 19 Nov. Have acquainted their Lordships that 715 cows have been killed and burnt from the beginning of the new distemper till the 16th of October, the charge for which is 1,612*l.* 15*s.* 1*d.* From 16 Oct. to 13 Nov. 1,217 cows have been killed and buried with lime, at a cost of 2,607*l.*, and from Saturday to Wednesday last about 260 cows more; whereby it appears that the distemper has considerably increased, although it is confined within three miles of London. It chiefly rages about Poplar and Marybone, having abated at Islington, where there remain 550 cows alive and well, after the loss of 667 since the beginning of September. However the distemper began, it owes its increase chiefly to infection. Enclose the instructions that they have issued to their agents. Apprehend that Smithfield Market is, or probably will be, infected, and have waited on the Lord Mayor and Aldermen to recommend that the scavengers shall carry away the dirt and filth of the city markets, and shall have the slaughter-houses, stalls, and rails well cleaned and washed with limewash, and provide against sick cattle being brought to the city markets.

Minuted:—"Read 19 Nov. 1714."

The instructions referred to.

[The cows were to be buried with 8 feet of earth above them; they were to be buried with lime the next day after notice. The early destruction of them was found to be the most effectual method to destroy the distemper.]

(3.) 30 Nov. They (the justices) represent that from the 13th to the 20th inst. 430 cows were killed and buried, whereof 115 belong to Benjamin Coker, and 93 to John Scott, both of Stepney, and neighbours. So great a loss in so short a time has not hitherto happened to any other cowkeepers. They (the justices) impute it to

1714. the unusual closeness of these particular cowhouses, whereby the wind and fresh air being kept out, and the breath of the infected cattle confined within, the infection became stronger and more powerful than it could have been in a more open place. This appears still more probable, in regard that whilst they kept their cows in the fields, before they put them in the cowhouses, their loss was but proportionable to that of their neighbours. Their (the justices') charges had all been settled to the 16th of Oct. and from the 16th of October to the 20th of November 1,647 cows and 57 calves have been killed and buried; the whole charge of which is 3,433*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.* Have also taken an account of 320 cows killed and buried from the 20th to the 27th inst. at 3*s.* a head, amounting to 688*l.*

(4.) 7 Dec. From 27 Nov. to the 4th inst. 312 cows and about 30 calves have been killed and buried, whereof 140 cows died in Stepney and thereabouts, and 100 at Westminster and Marybone; the expense will be about 688*l.*

(5.) 14 Dec. From the 4th to the 7th 177 cows and 27 calves have been killed and buried. The whole expense from the beginning amounts to 6,774*l.* 1*s.* 1*d.* They have adjusted the demands of all the cowkeepers who claim allowance, except Christopher Capper of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, whose case they refer to their Lordships. They summoned all the cowkeepers on the previous Saturday and cautioned and advised them as to the future.

Minuted:—"Read 14th Dec^{r} 1714."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. 20, p. 17, 4 Nov. 1714, is:—

"Justices of y^{e} Peace & M^{r} Borret about the infected cattell.

Justices of peace and M^{r} Borret concerning infected cows are called in. They will rep̄sent matters in writing on Satterd^{a} morn., but in the meantime they say there were kild & buryed so many cows before the 16th of Octobr. as makes ye whole charge to amount to about 1,600^{li}, of w^{ch} about 800^{li} is paid already. That this method of killing & burying deep in y^{e} ground had so good an effect, that they buryed but about 30 in ten days time. Then they were directed to make trial of medicines w^{ch} did no good, and ye distemper increased to ab^{t} 250 cows a week dead, frõ the 16 of Octobr. Yesterd^{a} they began to kill & bury againe & by Satterd^{a} they think will be a demand of about 1,700ł more. And they say that unless they could give the owners assurance of ye 40^{sh} ꝑ head, they will not be induced to bring their cattle to be kild and buryd, and they believe no other method will prevent the spreading of the infection."

Again at p. 41:—"7 Dec. The Justices of Middx. called in. Rep̄sent a state of their proceedings in the affaire relating to the destroying the distemperd cowes. Lord H. acquaints them that it has been laid before the K. in Councill, and it being found to be a charge too great for the Civil list to bear, it is orderd that his Ma^{ty} be at no farther charge therein. Lord asks them what time will be necessary to give notice hereof. They say by to-morrow incl. Upon which my Lords desire that the Order of Councill may allow the payment of 40s p cow to continue to ye 8th instant incl. And my Lords desire they will give notice to the owners, and cause an exact accot to be kept of all the cowes they lose by the distemper after that day." 7 *pages.*

Dec. 14. 40. Proposal from Sir Bibye Lake to the Lords of the Treasury to pay into the receipt of the Exchequer 2,257*l.* 4*s.* 10¼*d.* in part of the debt owing by Robert Peters upon the 15th four-shilling aid, and that 10,892*l.* 5*s.* 9¼*d.* due to assignees of the said Peters upon several off-reckonings shall be assigned in trust to James Taylor, Esq., to discharge the residue of the debt owing by Peters to the Crown upon the several land tax aids and duties on houses wherewith he was charged. Dated 14 Dec. 1714. 1 *page.*

[Entered in the *Minute Book,* Vol. 20, p. 44, with this remark: "The following Memll from Sir Bibie Lake is read, and my Lords agree to what is therein proposed."]

Dec. 14. 41. Report of Thomas Jett, Esq., one of the auditors of the Land Revenue, to the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of Thomas Rudge, Esq., who held the office of Receiver-General of the Land Revenue in the counties of Southampton, Wilts, Gloucester, Somerset, and Dorset, until 29 Sept. 1714. Sir William Wyndham, Bart., late Chancellor of the Exchequer, had granted the offices of the petitioner and that of Receiver-General for Devon and Cornwall, to William Mallett, Esq. Dated 14 Dec. 1714.

Appended are some further statements of the Petitioner, in which he says Mr Auditor has omitted to state as well as misstated the case.

Minuted:—"6th Augt 1717 Read."

On the petition is "Memorandm that upon application made by the petitionr to the Duke of Shrewsbury, late lord High Treas̃er, his Grace ordered a letter to bee writt to Sr William Wyndham, desiring that none of the Receivers of His Majestys Land Revenue might bee removed untill the Treasury was first made acquainted therewith." 3 *pages.*

[? About Dec. 14.] 42. Petition of John Elphinstone to the Lords of the Treasury for allowance for his sufferings and constant attendance at the Cotton Library. William Hanbury, Esq., had in 1708, received 300*l.* and deputed him to attend, but had not satisfied him according to promise, &c. Has received only 120*l.* since Oct. 1706, being upwards of eight years.

Minuted:—"30li."

In the *Minute Book,* Vol. 20, p. 43, 14 Dec. 1714, is:—"Mr Hanbury and Mr Elphinston called in. A peticõn of ye latter is read complaining of Mr Hanbury as not having made him a just allowance for his attendance in the Cotton Library. Mr Hanbury exhibits an accot of the money he has rec̃d for looking after the said library and what he has paid to the said Elphinston for his attendance there, which is also read. Mr Lowndes to hear them and examine their

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acco^{ts}. Lord Halifax discourses wth M^r Hanbury concerning the state of the said library, and then he and Elphinston wthdraws." 1 *page.*

Dec. 16. 43. Report of H. Bythell, deputy of T. Foley, auditor, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of the Right Hon. the Lord Delawar. The allowances craved by him are such as have usually been made by the Lord Chamberlain's warrants. They are not warranted by the establishment for the Treasurer of the Chamber's Office, and a warrant under the Royal Sign Manual is required to allow the payments. If their L^{ps} continue the allowance to M^r John Holbech, Clerk to the Treasurer of the Chamber, it may be provided for in the same warrant. Dated 16 Dec. 1714.

Minuted :—" Agreed to & y^e warr^t pass'd."

A list of the payments craved to be allowed. 3 *pages.*

Dec. 17. 44. An account of the funeral and mourning for her late Majesty Queen Anne in the office of the Great Wardrobe. Signed, Thomas Dummer, 17 Dec. 1714. 1 *page.*

Dec. 18. 45. Report of M^r R. Powys on the memorial of Abraham Stanyan to the Lords of the Treasury. In Dec. 1711 memorialist was, by the Queen's command, ordered to go from his post in Switzerland, to be her Majesty's Plenipotentiary at Milan, at an allowance of 3*l.* a day; and was promised to be considered for his journey. Prayed the payment of 301*l.* in his bills of extraordinaries. The matters of fact are true. Dated 18 Dec. 1714.

Minuted :—" Granted."

Extract of a letter from the Earl of Dartmouth to the memorialist on the same subject.

The report is written on the back of the petition. 1 *page and* 2 *halves.*

[About Dec. 18.] 46. Various papers relating to complaints made to the Com^{rs} of Customs against M^r Alexander Gordon, collector of customs at Inverness, who had been dismissed from his office, but was reinstated by warrant of the Treasury; together with answers to the complaints.

The papers consist of,—

I. Representation of Sir William Gordon, Bart. and " Captain Robert Munro, Esq.," on behalf of Alexander Gordon, brother of Sir William.

Minuted :—" 15 Nov. 1714. W^t to restore and replace Gordon."

Enclosed is copy of a certificate from officers of the port in his favour.

II. Another representation from the same, also in his favour. This is numbered 1, and had six enclosures, but Nos. 3 and 4 are now missing.

No. 2 is a protest against the conduct of the Com^{rs} of Customs of Scotland by Alexander Gordon for their refusal to reinstate him in his office according to the warrant of the Lords of the Treasury.

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(5.) Letter of Alexander Ross, a gentleman of Edinburgh, as to the refusal of the Com^{rs} of Customs of Scotland to reinstate M^{r} Gordon.

(6.) Declaration of Sir Thomas Calder in relation to these affairs. Certified 18 Dec. 1714.

(7.) Master Gordon's particular answer to all the articles of Master Le Grand's two reports.

Minuted:—"Referred to the New Comm^{rs} of Scotland to re-examine the matters of fact and report their opinions upon the whole."

Again:—"Ult. X^{br} 1714. Upon reading this rep̃sentac̃on and the docum^{ts} belonging to it, and considering this affair a 2^{d} time, my Lords order a new warr^{t} to be prepared to be directed to y^{e} p̃sent Com^{rs}." There is also the following in the *Minute Book*, Vol. 20, p. 20:—9 Nov. 1714. "Lord Chief Baron Smith is called in. Representac̃on in behalf of Alexander Gourdon is read, and papers relating thereunto. Lord Chief Baron says, as to his taking fees, the Barons thought the compl̃t ag^{t} him was malitious and groundlesse."

III. A copy of the representation ag^{t} M^{r} Gordon, Coll^{r} of Inverness, and the Com^{rs} of Customs' report of his case. Signatures.

IV. Representation of the town of Inverness to the Treasury, Dec. 1714. Signatures.

V. and VI. Declaration by the gentlemen, traders, and merchants of Inverness, in his favour. Numerous signatures. (*In two parts.*) 19 *pages.*

Dec. 20. 47. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury on the question how far the General and Cash Accounts of the Customs were passed, and on the better management of the revenue and the accounting for the same. Dated 20 Dec. 1714.

Five enclosures. 19½ *pages.*

[? About Dec. 20.] 48. Copy of a petition of M^{r} Samuel Stebbing, Somerset Herald, to the Lords of the Treasury. Prepared the letters of notice to her Grace the chief mourner, her supporters and assistants, the Ladies of the Bedchamber and Maids of Honour to her late Majesty, and also printed several public orders relating to her Majesty's funeral, and his Majesty's public entry and coronation. Further prepared his Majesty's letters to the Peers of Great Britain to attend the Coronation, and tickets for places in Westminster Abbey, and paid for painting several draughts of the Royal Arms, as well for the manner of the Queen's funeral escutcheons, as for altering the King's arms, and some draughts for the coin; prays payment.

Also a bill of the particulars and a certificate. Dated at the Council Chamber, Whitehall, 20 Dec. 1714. 2½ *pages.*

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Dec. 20. 1. A parcel of certificates of money arising by sale of tin for a year ending 20 Dec. 1714. 51 *documents.*

Dec. 21. 2. Petition of Joseph Martin and divers others, in behalf of themselves and other sufferers and agents for sufferers by the late invasion of the French, in the Islands of Nevis and St Christopher, to the Lords of the Treasury. The Islands are almost ruined by the French. 103,003*l.* 11*s.* 4*d.* were voted by the House of Commons for the sufferers. The Board of Trade has to make out debentures at 6*l.* per cent. By the Lottery Act of the 12th of the reign of Anne, 18,540*l.* 12*s.* 9¾*d.* are appropriated to pay the interest to Christmas 1714: praying payment to be directed. 25 signatures.

Minuted:—"21 Decr 1714. Send to the Comrs of Trade for an authentique list of these debrs." 1 *page.*

Dec. 23. 3. Memorial of Henry Wise, for works done at St. James's Park, and at Windsor. 21 Dec, 1714. 1 *page.*

Dec. 23. 4. Comrs of Victualling to Mr Lowndes as to arrangements for taking the present which his Majesty is sending to the Emperor of Morocco. Dated 23 Dec. 1714.

Minuted:—"Ordered accordingly."

Also copies of two letters and two receipts connected with the same. 5 *pages.*

Dec. 23. 5. "An Establishment or List containing payments to be made for Civill affairs in that part of our Kingdom of Great Britain called Scotland, which our pleasure is shall commence and be paid from Midsummer 1714." For Mr Lowndes. Dated at the Palace of St. James's the 23d day of December 1714. 6½ *pages.*

Also copy of the above. 5 *pages.*

Dec. 23. 6. Representation of the Chief Baron of Scotland (J. Smith) to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the arrangement that is made for the support of the Scotch Troops upon the English Establishment after the Union; asking how they are to be provided for. Dated 23 Dec. 1714.

Minuted:—"13th September 1715. Read. My Lds do not think proper to intermeddle in this, it being before the Union." 2 *pages.*

Dec. 23. 7. Presentment from the Postmasters General to the Lords of the Treasury. Lord Townsend has acquainted them that the King thinks fit that packet boats shall be appointed for the conveyance of letters from Great Britain directly for Spain, by way of the Groin, that it may not be necessary to carry that correspondence through France. Propose that a mail shall be dispatched from

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London to the Groin once in fourteen days. The posts in Spain are very dilatory. An agreement should be made between the Post Office of Great Britain and Spain, whereby the Postmaster General of Spain shall oblige himself upon the arrival of English letters at the Groin, to forward them without delay to Madrid; as also such letters as shall be sent by this conveyance for Portugal, to be forwarded the nearest way to Viana, or some other town in Portugal, whereby the Portugal merchants may write once a week by the boats going directly for Lisbon, and the other week by these boats that shall go directly for Corunna. It will be necessary to employ two packet boats of about 100 or 110 tons burthen, with twelve hands each, the yearly expense of which, besides the first cost, will be about 1,500*l.* 23 Dec. 1714.

Minuted:—" W^t signd." 2½ *pages.*

Dec. 24. 8. An abstract of the sums due to clear the Royal Hospital at Chelsea and the out-pensioners from the 24th of December 1712 to the 24th of December 1714, with the funds applicable to the same, and what will be wanting to complete this service according to the present estimate. 2 *pages.*

Dec. 24. 9. Henry Neal to the Lords of the Treasury. Sending duplicates of two letters as to the revenues of the Island of Minorca. Mahon, 24 Dec. 1714. 3 *pages.*

Dec. 24. 10. The state of the public tobacco accounts of the colony of Virginia from the tenth day of December 1713 to the twenty-fourth day of December 1714. 2 *pages.*

Dec. 25. 11. An estimate of the net produce of the Civil List funds by a medium of three years ended at Christmas 1714, being over and above salaries, incidents, drawbacks, and other allowances and charges attending the management of those funds respectively. [Probably an enclosure.] 1 *page.*

Dec. 27. 12. Lord Townshend to the Lords of the Treasury. His Majesty thinks fit that M^r Æmilius Wernigk, who was employed as secretary at Berlin upon the removal of the Earl of Strafford to the Hague, shall be allowed 20*s.* a day from the day the Earl left Berlin, 25 March 1711, to the day the ordinary entertainment of M^r Breton commenced, which was 25 Dec. following. Asks that the necessary directions shall be given. Whitehall, 27 Dec. 1714.

Minuted:—" A w^t signed for this money." 1 *page, quarto.*

Dec. 28. 13. Lord Radnor to "My good lord." Has undertaken this long journey from London for his Majesty's service. Is sure his Lordship will let him have favour and protection for M^r Hoblyn, the town clerk of Bodmin, whose case he encloses. M^r Thomas Hoblyn, as an executor of his brother, is under prosecution by William Wickett for a debt due to the Government. M^r Hoblyn has 1,000*l.* ready to pay in at London next term, which he (Lord Radnor) will see performed. The remainder of the debt is about 1,000*l.*, which will be raised before Easter term out of estates liable thereto. The prosecution is carried on furiously, because M^r Hoblyn is zealous for his (Lord Radnor's) interest in Bodmin, against M^r Trevannion, and is zealous for M^r Boscowen in the county; for a rogue of an attorney (M^r Trevannion's agent) tells M^r Hoblyn if he will be for M^r Trevannion he will stop all proceedings. If his Lordship will allow time for the payment, he (Lord Radnor) will take it as a great obligation.

P.S.—They are sure of thirty honest members at least for this county at the next "elections," he hopes more. Concludes thus:—"The Corporation of Bodmin dines with me next Fryday. I expect about 400 persons that day. I had that number last time, and there did not goe home five sober of the whole number. The Bishop of Winchester and the gentlemen near him are to dine with me next Monday; the next day the Corporation of Lostwithiell dine with me. I doe my best to be a good Inn Keeper whilst I stay here, and I hope 'twill turn to good account for our own advantage. This William Wickett is your L^dships doore keeper at the Treasury, and once my grandfather's footman." Dated Lanhydrock, near Bodmin, Dec. 28, 1714. 3 *pages.*

Dec. 29. 14. Establishment for the garrison of Upnor Castle, commencing 23 Dec. 1710. Dated 26 Jan. 1711–12. Confirmed and ratified by the King. 29 Dec. 1714. 1¼ *pages.*

Dec. 31. 15. Report of the Com^rs for duties on hides to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of Francis Manaton, Esq., Receiver General of Taxes for the county of Cornwall, concerning extents taken out against M^r Joseph Quash, Receiver General of Taxes for the county of Devon, and Postmaster of Exeter, to whom Manaton had paid the proceeds of taxes, and who was a defaulter. Recommend stay of process. Office for Hides, 31 Dec. 1714.

Minuted:—"Agreed."

Two other papers on the same subject. 9 *pages.*

Dec. 31. 16. Report of the Com^rs for duties on hides, &c. to the Lords of the Treasury. As to a draft of an establishment of officers to be employed under them in the management of the duties on leather, and of the window tax. Make various suggestions as to the management of their office. The three general surveyors of the window tax should be dismissed and three others appointed, &c. M^r Anthony Radcliffe, their storekeeper, should be dismissed, having neither honesty nor capacity enough to recommend his continuance. They recommend M^r Robert Manaton for his successor. 31 Dec. 1714.

Annexed is:—"State of the gross & net produce of the duties on hides, &c. from 24 June 1711 to 24 June 1714." 4½ *pages.*

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Dec. 31. 17. Divers memorials, &c. from the office of the Paymasters General of the Forces at home and abroad to the Lord High Treasurer and the Lords of the Treasury, asking for moneys to be

1714. supplied to make various payments. Pay Office and Whitehall, 2 Aug. to 31 Dec. 1714. 29 *pages.*

18. Various papers connected with lottery affairs for the year 1714. 20 *pages.*

19. A paper containing resolutions, probably to be proposed to the House of Commons, relating to various kinds of duties, with cancellations and some notes in the margin. 1714. 21 *pages.*

[End of 1714, or later.] 20. State of Mr Molesworth's case. Was appointed Queen's Envoy to Florence and Genoa, and could not obtain his quarter's salary and equipage money necessary to begin his preparations for that employment, and a change of ministry happening immediately after, has reason to doubt his being continued in the post, which he has been recommended to by Earl Godolphin. Attended Lord Dartmouth constantly, to know the Queen's pleasure, and as soon as he was informed the Queen had not altered her resolutions, he got ready for his journey, and for transporting his family and goods. The difficulties in which both public and private credit were at that time involved, much retarded his departure; but upon his representation of them to Mr Harley (then Commissioner of the Treasury) he promised those delays should in no wise prejudice him. Notwithstanding which promise, finds that his salary is made up to commence on the day of his departure from London, on pretence that he did not begin his journey for some time after kissing the Queen's hand, and that he had detained his predecessor's letters of revocation. Of which objections he hopes the first is already answered, and to the second he also replies. Further says that it has been the constant custom to pay ministers from the time of their departing out of the Sovereign's presence. Also refers to the hardships he has undergone, viz., his resignation of his place in the Stamp Office and his having his credentials for Genoa superseded, which besides the discredit, is a loss of 1,500 crowns per ann. By the failure of money from the Treasury for near four years, he was obliged to take up money at great interest; he also relieved some hundreds of destitute mariners in several ports of Italy at a loss of some hundreds of crowns. [There is no prayer to it, nor is it addressed to any one.] Undated. 3½ *pages.*

21. Another state of Mr Molesworth's case, and the case of James Stanhope, Esq. The latter was to receive 5*l.* a day as Envoy Extraordinary to the late King of Spain, and 3*l.* a day as Plenipotentiary, to continue till his return into her Majesty's presence or until dismissed. Was taken prisoner in Spain on 28 Nov. 1710, and returned not till 17 Aug. 1712. If thought reasonable to pay him till that time the sum due will be 5,016*l.* Undated. 1½ *pages.*

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[? 1714, or later.] 22. An estimate of the charge of the 6,000 men taken into his Majesty's service from the States General of the United Provinces. 1 *page.*

[? End of 1714.] 23. Representation by the Com^{rs} of the Treasury to his Majesty of the present state and condition of the affairs committed to them by his Majesty's commission of 13 Oct. last [1714]. 10 *pages.* (*brief size*).

[1714, or later.] 24. Petition of Hannah Penn, wife of William Penn, Esq., and of Henry Gouldney, Joshua Gee, Silvanus Grove, John Woods, Thomas Oade, and John Field, creditors of the said William Penn, to the King. King Charles II., in the 33rd year of his reign, by letters patent, granted to the said William Penn, his heirs and assigns, the tract of land now called Pennsylvania, with ample powers for the civil and military government thereof. By his own personal interest, indefatigable industry and vast charge, and through many difficulties, he (Penn) settled a considerable colony there, and improved a savage wilderness into a civilized and flourishing country, from whence great benefits have, and more will accrue to this kingdom, by an improvement of navigation, a consumption of British manufactures exported thither, and an increase of customs for goods imported from thence, but his own paternal estate has been much impaired and almost exhausted thereby. The Duke of York granted to the said William Penn, his heirs and assigns, for ever, the town of Newcastle, otherwise Delaware, and the fort thereunto belonging, situate between Mary Land and New Jersey, and several tracts of land lying upon the River of Delaware, now known by the names of the two lower counties, together with that river and the soil thereof, and all powers of government, both civil and military, therein, as the same had been granted to the Duke by King Charles II. All which provinces and powers of government the said William Penn has mortgaged to the petitioners, his creditors for 6,600*l.*, which sum and some interest remain due to them. Queen Anne having been advised to get all proprietary governments into her hands, and under the more immediate administration and protection of the Crown, the said William Penn offered, with the consent of his creditors, to surrender all powers of government within both those provinces for a reasonable consideration. The Board of Trade after a nice inquiry into the facts, made their report as to the benefits to the nation, &c., from those colonies. Her Majesty being satisfied with that report referred it to the Lords of the Treasury for their consideration and opinion, and soon after an agreement was made with the said William Penn for an allowance of 12,000*l.* upon a surrender of the government of these provinces, part to be paid him in hand, and the rest at several stated times. The Attorney-General thereupon prepared a draught of surrender and an instrument for her Majesty's acceptance thereof, and 1,000*l.* in part of 12,000*l.* was paid to the said William Penn, but before the surrender was executed, or any more money paid, he was seized with a distemper in his head, which disabled him to perfect the agreement; whereupon her Majesty in Council ordered to have the same passed into an Act of Parliament. The said William Penn still continues under the same incapacity. Petitioners pray for confirmation and execution of the agreement. 2½ *pages.*

[For the letter which enclosed the above *see* p. 179, No. 24.]

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DOCUMENTS for which a brief description suffices.

Date.	Description of Document.	From	To	Purport.
1714. Aug. 2.	1. Letter - -	Duke of Ormonde -	The Lord High Treasurer.	For issue of 2,000*l.* to Lieut.-Col. Gibbons. Also petition. 3 *pages.*
Aug. 6.	2. Memorial -	J. Brydges - -	Do. - -	As to 39,000*l.* for clearings to several regiments. Also list of regiments. 3 *pages.*
Aug. 7.	3. Report - -	Controllers of Army Accounts.	Do. - -	Relating to the clothing of the company of Invalids. Also an estimate. 2 *pages.*
Aug. 9.	4. Account -	—	—	Funds applicable to the maintenance of the Royal Hospital at Chelsea and the out-pensioners. 4 *large pages.*
Aug. 10.	5. Letter (copy)	Francis Gwyn - -	Col. Moore	As to establishment of half-pay officers. 1 *page.*
Aug. 13.	6. Letter - -	Comrs. of Victualling	Mr. Lowndes -	Preparations for a state of the debt of their office. 1 *page.*
Aug. 16.	7. Memorial -	Henry Wise - -	To the Duke of Shrewsbury.	As to measuring up the works in Windsor house park, stopped by Her Majesty's death. ½ *page.*
Aug. 17.	8. Petition -	Subaltern and Staff Officers of the Four Marine Regiments disbanded.	Lord High Treasurer.	For their pay to be cleared.
Aug. 20.	9. Two letters -	Matthew Decker -	The Hon. Willm. Lowndes.	As to South Sea Stock and Lottery Tickets. 2 *pages.*

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Date.	Description of Document.	From	To	Purport.
1714. Aug. 26.	10. Report - -	Officers of Works -	Lord High Treasurer.	As to the state of the new plantation performed by Mr. Wise, at Windsor, amounting to 4,722*l.* 14*s.* 11*d.*, of which 1,722*l.* 14*s.* 11*d.* was still due. Also copy and two other papers. 4 *pages.*
Aug. 31.	11. Affidavit -	Samuel Artis of Great Yarmouth, merchant, and Richard Spurgeon of the same, Gent.	—	Showing that John Negus is an inhabitant, a merchant, and common councilman of of that town. 1 *page, quarto.*
Sept. 6.	12. Letter -	Comrs. of Victualling	Mr. Lowndes -	For reimbursement of six months' provisions for the garrison of Placentia. With particulars. 2 *pages.*
Sept. 8.	13. Two letters -	Saml. Lynn - -	Comrs. for disbanding the marines.	Touching the muster-books. 2 *pages, quarto.*
Sept. 8.	14. Letter - -	Wm. Gifford and S. Hunter.	Mr. Lowndes -	On the same subject. 1 *page.*
Sept. 10.	15. Invoices.	—	—	For goods bought of three tradesmen. 3 *pages.*
Sept. 13.	16. Deed - -	Christopher Franckling, Controller of Customs of Berwick-upon-Tweed.	William Franckling.	Resignation of the office to the said William, his son. 1 *page.*
Sept. 24.	17. Representation	William Walbancke, and others.	The Lord High Treasurer.	In favour of the appointment of Mr. James Underwood. 1 *page.*
Sept. 29.	18. Account -	—	—	Contingent disbursements for the office of Secretary-at-War. Also copy of an order for a warrant thereon. 3 *pages.*
Sept. 29.	19. Account -	—	—	Civil list revenues, 1 Aug. to Mich. 1714. 1 *page.*
Sept. 29.	20. Estimate -	—	—	Net produce of the civil list funds. 2 *pages.*
Sept. 29.	21. Account -	—	—	Debt of the Navy at Mich. 1714. 1 *page.*
Sept. 30.	22. Letter - -	James Stanhope -	The Lord High Treasurer.	For payment of 885*l.* 19*s.* 10½*d.* to the Marquis of Dalmasas, with copy of his memorial. 2 *pages.*
Sept.	23. Abstract -	Conyers Darcy and George Feilding, Comrs. for executing the office of Master of the Horse.	—	Extraordinaries for his Majesty's stables. 2 *pages.*

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1714. Oct. 5.	24. Warrant (copy)	Col. Ralph Congreve, Esq., Lieut.-Governor of Gibraltar.	John Conduit, Esq., Commissary.	To buy provisions. 1 *page.*
Oct. 12.	25. Warrant	Lord Shrewsbury	Master of the Jewel Office.	For 1,000 ounces of white plate, to be delivered to the Treasurer of the Household, to be made into vessels. 1 *page.*
[After Oct. 13.]	26. Petition	William Whitehead of the city of York, gent.	Lords of the Treasury.	For renewal of the grant of the office of bailiff of the liberty, &c. of the dissolved monastery of St. Mary, York. 1 *page.*
[After Oct. 13.]	27. Memorial	Admiral Aylmer	Do.	For an allowance for hay for the deer in Greenwich Park. *Minuted*:—" See what was allowed to Sir Wm. Giffard, and the same to be allowed Mr. Aylmer, 35^{li} ꝑ ann." 1 *page.*
[After Oct. 13.]	28. Petition	Benjamin Loddington, H. M. Consul at Tripoli.	Do.	For his salary and for his extraordinary disbursements. 1 *page.*
[After Oct. 13.]	29. Do.	John Bruere, a clerk to the Controller of Excise.	Do.	For renewal of his warrant. Encloses former warrant. 2 *pages.*
Oct. 23.	30. Letter	Comrs. of Victualling	Treasurer of the Navy.	For the Treasury to order money to meet Foreign and Inland Bills of Exchange, amounting to 61,063*l.* 5*s.* 5*d.* 6 *pages.*
Oct. 25.	31. Letter	Lord Townshend	The Lords of the Treasury.	Encloses letter, &c. from the Lords of the Admiralty as to Gibraltar and Port Mahon, for report. 1 *page, quarto.*
[? About Oct. 26.]	32. Petition	Brigadier Andrew Blissett of the Guards, Lieut.-Col. Willm. Proby, and Lieut.-Col. Jos. D'Launy.	Do.	Forage and mule money when in Spain. Also two other papers. 4 *pages.*
[? About Oct. 28.]	33. Petition	Charles Brattell	Do.	Asks to be made assay master in the Tower of London. Has been assistant to his brother Daniel Brattell. *Minuted*:—" 28 Oct. 1714. To have a patent during pleasure." 1 *page.*
Oct. 29.	34. Letter	Joseph Lee, Deputy to Charles Eversfield, Esq., Treasurer of the Ordnance.	William Lowndes, Esq.	About his accounts (one enclosure). 2 *pages.*

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1714. Oct. 30.	35. Letter - -	Comrs. of Victualling	William Lowndes, Esq.	Send list of prices of provisions contracted for. 1 *page.*
Nov. 3.	36. Memorial and accounts.	Comrs. for Trade -	Lords of the Treasury.	For salary of themselves and officers and petty expenses. 16 *pages.*
Nov. 8.	37. Letter - -	Comrs. of Victualling	Mr. Lowndes -	As to payment of Bills of Exchange drawn by the Commissary of Stores at Gibraltar. Four enclosures. 9 *pages.*
Nov. 8.	38. Certificate -	The Auditors - -	Lords of the Treasury.	Sir Roger Mostyn, late Paymaster of Marines, has not delivered in any account. 1 *page.*
Sept. 23–Nov. 9.	39. Memorials, &c.	Sir Roger Mostyn -	Do. - -	For moneys to pay the marines. 8 *pages.*
[About Nov. 11.]	40. Petition -	Sir Justus Beck, Bart.	The King - -	For the remission of 1,095*l.* due to his Majesty, on his being made a baronet. 1 *page, quarto.* [He was discharged from payment. See *Warrant Book*, Vol. 19, p. 254.]
Nov. 18.	41. Two Letters (Duplicates)	John Conduit - -	Lords of the Treasury.	Provisions bought for Gibraltar. Also an account. 4 *pages.*
Nov. 18.	42. Letter - -	Mr. Henry Martyn -	Lord ——— -	Duties, &c., and pay of the Office of Inspector of Imports and Exports. 1½ *pages.*
Nov. 22.	43. Letter - -	Comrs. of Victualling	Mr. Lowndes -	Provisions for Gibraltar. Also an estimate. 2 *pages.*
[? About Nov. 22.]	44. Petition -	John Wilmot, Gent -	The Earl of Halifax, Chief Comr. of the Treasury.	Asks to be made a landwaiter. 2 *pages.*
[About Nov. 22.]	45. Petition -	John Roos, Gent -	Lords of the Treasury.	Prays to be continued as Chief Engraver of Seals. *Minuted* :—"22 Nov. 1714. Granted." 1 *page, quarto.*
Nov. 24.	46. Estimate -	—	—	Sums wanting for the navy and victualling. 1 *page.*
Nov. 29.	47. Report - -	Comrs. for duties on hides, &c.	Do. - -	On petition of Bernard Hutchens, Esq., Receiver General of the co. of Somerset, for a repayment. Two enclosures. 3 *pages.*
Nov. 29.	48. Representation	Comrs. for Stamp Duties.	Do. -	For leave to appoint John Miles, chief clerk to the late Receiver General, to receive and pay in the duties. 1 *page.*

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1714. Dec. 2.	49. Report on petition.	Comrs. of Customs -	Lords of the Treasury.	As to the appointment of examiner of Out-port books. *Minuted* :—"3 Dec. 1714, wt. signed for Mr. Creswick." 4 *pages.*
Dec. 2.	50. Letter - -	Comrs. of Sick and Wounded, &c.	Mr. Lowndes -	The debt of the office. Pray for money. 3 *pages.*
Dec. 3.	51. Report - -	Treasurer of the Chamber.	Lords of the Treasury.	On the petition of William Churchill, Esq., as to payment for stationery ware. *Minuted* :—"To be pd." 1 *page.*
Dec. 6.	52. Memorandum	—	—	Of a debt to the Keepers of Cranbourn Chase for hay for the deer. *Minuted* :—"6th Dec. ½ ordered upon the next distribution of the Queen's arrears." 4 *lines.*
[? About Dec. 6.]	53. Petition -	Charles Best - -	Do. -	For renewal of his patent as Customer of Hull. *Minuted* :—"6 Dec. 1714. Granted." 1 *page.*
[? About Dec. 13.]	54. Petition -	William Johnson, Solicitor for Duties on Salt.	Do - -	For renewal of his deputation, about to expire by the death of her Majesty. *Minuted* :—"13 Dec. 1714. Granted." 1 *page.*
Dec. 16.	55. Letter and Two Memorials.	Comrs. of the Navy -	Mr. Taylor -	Allowances desired by Mr. Cæsar, late Treasurer of the Navy. 4 *pages.*
Dec. 31.	56. Letter - -	J. Burchett - -	Secretaries of the Treasury.	For 6,000*l.* to clear the debts of the Office for Sick and Wounded. 1 *page.*

Undated, but (?) after the Reign of Anne.

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—	57. Bills of Exchange.	—	—	Papers relating to Bills of Exchange. 7½ *pages.*
—	58. Petition -	Arthur Price - -	Lords of the Treasury.	For a new patent as Customer of Milford. *Minuted* :—"Granted." 1 *page.*
—	59. Do. -	William Johnson, Solicitor for Salt Duties.	Do. - -	For renewal of his appointment. 1 *page.*

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—	60. Petition	Henry Tatlock and other creditors of the late Queen.	—	For payment for supplies to the stables. *Minuted* :—" A moiety has been paid." 1 *page*.
—	61. Memorandum	—	—	Sums required to pay off certain ships. *Docquetted* : — " Memdm. for Lord Halifax." 1 *page*.
—	62. Petition	Anthony Allen of the Savoy.	Lords of the Treasury.	For the Christmas charity. With a certificate at the foot. 1 *page*.
—	63. Petition	Henry York, Yeoman of H.M. Scalding House.	Do.	For his arrears. 1 *page*.
—	64. Do.	Jane de la Salle, widow.	Do.	For payment of pension of 40*l*. per ann., granted to her on the death of her husband, Captain Isaac de la Salle. 1 *page*.
—	65. List	—	—	Names of persons, and where they dwelt in Scotland. Amongst them is the Under Keeper of the Palace of Holyrood House.
—	66. Petition	His Majesty's Printers	Do.	For payment of their debt for printing Acts of Parliament, Forms of Prayer, &c. 1 *page*, *quarto*.
—	67. Do.	Wm. Wenman	Do.	For renewal of his Constitution as Paymaster of the Civil List Lottery for 500,000*l*. 1 *page*.
—	68. Do.	Thomas Richers, Esq., late Receiver of Taxes for the co. of Cambridge.	Do.	For 507*l*. 10*s*. for extraordinary allowances. 1 *page*.
—	69. Do.	Samuel Lee, Breadbearer to the late Queen.	Do.	For an arrear of 14*l*. 1 *page*.
—	70. Do.	Thomas Beake, Under Keeper of the Council Records.	Do.	For payment of 53*l*. 11*s*. 8*d*. for stationery provided. 1 *page*.
—	71. Do.	Thomas Holdip, Secretary to the Salt Office.	Do.	For a new appointment required by the demise of her Majesty. 1 *page*.
—	72. Do.	Thomas Welsh, Tobacco Merchant.	Do.	For repayment of a drawback. 1 *page*.
—	73. Memorial	John Shaw, Clerk of the Poultry, &c. to her late Majesty.	Do.	For payment of half his debt of 183*l*. 2*s*. 2*d*. 1 *page*.

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DOCUMENTS UNDATED, PART I., but after the REIGN of ANNE, and supposed to be in the beginning of the REIGN of GEO. I.

1. Certificate signed "C. Lockyer, acc^{t}," to William Lowndes, as to sums subscribed into the capital stock of the South Sea Company. 1 *page.*

2. Memorial of Major Gen^{l} Hill, Colonel Kirk, Col. Clayton, Col. Disney, Col. Kane, and Col. Windres to the Lords of the Treasury, in behalf of their regiments, praying payment of 2,802*l.* 5*s.* 8*d.* for subsistence money due on their expedition to Canada. 1 *page.*

3. Project of an establishment for Gibraltar. 1 *page.*

4. The annual charge of an engineer, fireworkers, and artificers, &c. at Gibraltar. 1 *page.*

5. The annual charge of the officers, &c. at Port Mahon. 1 *page.*

6. The [Duke] of Montague to "my Lord." Sends copy of a letter from the Treasury directed to him concerning the new furniture at Kensington, and stating that by the warrant limiting the expense of the wardrobe to 13,000*l.* a year he could not provide anything which would make the annual expense exceed that sum, unless there was a warrant under the King's Sign Manual, countersigned by the Lords of the Treasury. Begs the person addressed to get an order properly signed.
The letter referred to. 2 *pages.*

7. Humble proposals for furnishing his Majesty's closets, all the great offices, &c., with prints of our royal navy, docks, yards, ports, harbours, sea coasts, &c. gratis, without any charge to the Government. Gentlemen find that five pounds will go further in good prints than 50*l.* in indifferent painting, which occasions 60,000*l.* a year to be spent for French, Dutch, and Italian prints, upon the opinion that nothing of that kind can be done well in England, as little encouragement has hitherto been given to drawing and engraving. There have never been prints of any value done on shipping or sea pieces. Engravings from draughts made by the proposer have met with general approbation. If the Government will employ him in drawing the Royal Navy Docks, &c., or any other drawings or views, and will give him a pension, 200*l.* per ann., as they gave to the late Vandervelt, he will be at the charge of having his drafts engraved, and furnish his Majesty, and all the great offices, &c. with the prints for nothing, and be at the hazard to sell the overplus which the plates may print off, to reimburse the great charge of having these works curiously done, and the originals

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1714 or 1715. shall be reserved for his Majesty, or where his Ma^{ty} shall order them, and he will engage that they shall be worth double his salary. The acceptance of the proposal would encourage native art, &c. 1 *page, quarto.*

8. "Specimens of the dyes belonging to the Stamp Office imprest by order of the Com^{rs}." 1 *sheet of paper, and another of parchment.*

9. Petition of M^{r} James Hart, minister of the Gray Friars Church in Edinburgh, to the Lords of his Majesty's Treasury. Praying the grant of a warrant to the Barons of the Exchequer of Scotland to direct the Receiver to pay 10*l.* a year from Michaelmas 1702 to the petitioner, who is the immediate successor of the deceased M^{r} Gilbert Rule, as eldest minister of that church, which was anciently "a prebendary of the Archbishopric of St. Andrews," &c. There is not a single instance of the payment of prebends' fees in Scotland out of the Bishop's rents, since the abolition of episcopacy. 1 *page.*

10. Memorial of the Earl and Countess of Rochester to the Lords of his Majesty's Treasury for sums due to them, the former as Keeper of the New Park, and the latter as Lady of the Bedchamber of Queen Anne. ½ *page.*

11. The case of M^{r} John Pearce, contractor for the transporting prisoners of war between France and England, presented to the Lords of his Majesty's Treasury. 3 *pages.*

12. Abstract of the state of his Majesty's revenues of quit rents arising in Virginia, and composition for escheats from 25 Apr. 1713 to 25 Apr. 1714, from the accounts of William Byrd, Esq., Receiver-General.

Similar abstract for Massachusetts Bay, from the accounts of James Taylor, Gent., Treasurer and Receiver-General there, for the year ending 31 May 1714. Signed: William Blathwayt. [Probably drawn out at the end of 1714.] 2 *pages.*

13. Memorial of Samuel, Lord Masham, to the Lords of his Majesty's Treasury for certain fees to be allowed him in connexion with his office as Cofferer of the Household of the late Queen. 1 *page.*

14. Memorial of Francis Gwyn to the Com^{rs} of his Majesty's Treasury relating to the demands of the magistrates of Dunkirk on account of her late Majesty's forces in garrison there, viz.: for firing, candle, bedding, &c.; praying for directions to be given thereon.

This is in great part a copy of a memorial which accompanies it from the same person, dated 6 June 1714, sent to the Earl of Oxford; but the copy was probably a fresh application in the new reign.

Attached are the particulars of the demands. Besides which are papers numbered 1 to 7, *docquetted*:—"An acco^{t} of sev^{ll} losses caus̃d by her Maj$^{ty's}$ troops to the Sieur Daine, a French undertaker at Dunkirk." These are all certified as true. 15½ *pages.*

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[? 1714 or 1715.] 15. Arrears due to Mr Stanyan, her late Majesty's Envoy to the Swiss Cantons, from 25 Dec. 1713 to 26 April 1714.

Also similar arrears due to Mr Wych, from 24 May to 1 Aug. 1714. ½ *page.*

16. A state of the tin affair with respect to the quantities of tin bought pursuant to contract made on her Majesty's behalf, the moneys paid for the same, and for charges and interest of what was borrowed for enabling her Majesty to carry on the contracts; also the quantities sold, and the money which had arisen therefrom, and how much remained unsold at the time of her Majesty's demise, &c.

Two smaller papers on the same subject. 1 *page and* 3 *parts of pages.*

17. "Account of arrears due to her late Majesty's pensioners. Lady-day and Midsummer quarter, 1714. Payable by Edward Nicholas, Esq." Giving the names and amounts. 10 *pages.*

18. The stated debt of Sir Wm Pole, Bart., as Master of the Household to the late Queen Anne.

Accompanying it is a short letter from him with the address torn away. He was suffering from the gout, but was leaving town, and sent his address "at the Black Periwigg in the Pell Mell." 2 *small pages.*

19. An account of arrears due to Sir Christopher Wren, Knt, surveyor, and Christopher Wren, Esq., clerk ingrosser, from her late Majesty in the Office of Works, &c., from 1 Jan. 1713 to 31 July 1714. Also a memorandum as to the debt for Windsor Castle 3 *pages.*

20. Memorial "concerning the Mint of Scotland." It does not state from whom it came, but it has on the back "For William Lownds." The object of it is to propose the insertion of a clause in an Act of Parliament for a free coinage in the Mint of Scotland. No bullion had been coined in the Mint of Scotland since 4 Aug. 1710, to the great discouragement of the merchants and people there.

The clause referred to; also two other papers, viz., copy of the new regulations for the Mint at Edinburgh in 1707, and a schedule of the officers and their salaries. 5 *pages.*

21. Petition to the Lords of the Treasury of John Gerrard, one of the sureties for George Dixon, late Receiver-General for the city of Bristol and county of Somerset. Prays for a warrant in his favour, he having been imprisoned four years in consequence of the public moneys not being paid into the Exchequer by the bankers of Dixon's agents. 1 *page.*

22. Memorial to the Lords of the Treasury of the Directors of the Union, or Double Hand-in-Hand Office for Fire. Have heard "that one or more charters are granting to the societies lately

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established for assurance of ships, to enable them to insure houses and goods." Pray to be heard by counsel against any such intended charter. 1 *page.*

23. Similar memorial from the Directors of "the Hand-in-Hand Fire Office." 1 *page.*

24. An account of debts unprovided for in the office of John Howe, Esq., late Paymaster-General of his Majesty's guards, garrisons, &c. 2 *pages.*

25. An account of the expense in the office of Treasurer of his Majesty's Chamber, Great Wardrobe, works and stables, taken from the declared accounts thereof in the several years from 1702 to 1 Aug^st^ 1714. 2 *pages.*

26. Memoranda as to the accountability of the Lotteries, the South Sea Company, Hawkers, &c. to the Treasury. 2 *pages.*

27. Another paper showing the names of offices over which the Auditors of Imprest exercised the power of auditing their accounts, together with the value of the fees. 2 *pages.*

28. A state of the 885,703*l.* 14*s.* 7½*d.* in South Sea Stock, which was transferred to the Trustees for sale thereof by the respective treasurers and paymasters undernamed. 1 *page.*

29. Petition to the King, of John, Bishop of Dromore, Robert Rochfort, Esq., Robert Griffith, Doctor of Physic, and Thomas Proby, Surgeon, Trustees appointed by D^r^ Richard Stevens for erecting a hospital for poor diseased persons, and of Grizell Stevens, executrix of the last named. The Doctor had an estate of inheritance of about 600*l.* per ann., and bequeathed all his estate to Grizell Stevens, his sister, for life, and after her death to erect a hospital in or near Dublin. The petitioners consider the most appropriate site for the hospital is the piece of irregular ground in the Phœnix Park, which Thomas Proby holds by lease of the Crown, and which he is willing to resign if the ground can be obtained of the Crown for this purpose. Her late Majesty directed letters patent to be made to the Trustees for the ground, but they were not passed before her Majesty's death. Grizell Stevens promised to endow the same with 300*l.* per ann. The Trustees expect to raise 5,000*l.* to build the hospital, if the work goes forward. There is no provision of this kind in Ireland at present. Pray for the grant of the land as a lasting monument of the royal benevolence.

Copy of the will of Doctor Stevens.

[Between 1714 and 1717, as the Bishop was translated to Clogher in the latter year.] 4 *pages.*

30. Memorial of Lieut.-Col. Patrick Vans to the Lords of the Treasury, praying them to make their report on his petition to his Majesty, in which he asked to be restored to the gift of the Bishop's rents. [Date very uncertain.] 1 *page.*

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31. An account of moneys due and owing in the Office of the Great Wardrobe from her late Majesty Queen Anne. 1 *page.*

32. "An account of the debt to such of the late Queen's servants as that do not exceed 30*l.* each." 1 *page.*

33. Draught of an order to the Receiver-General not to pay debentures, &c. to officers of the Customs or their clerks, the Commissioners of Customs having discovered a fraudulent practice of the Jerquers in receiving portage money.
Minuted :—"Approved." 1 *page.*

34. Address to the King, of the Governors of Queen Anne's Bounty. Her late Majesty has eased the poorer clergy of the first fruits and tenths, but it is in the first year of his Majesty that they will begin to receive the further intended benefit of it. This will give them pleasure to remember the King's accession. 1 *page.*

35. An account of the sums voted by Parliament and agreed to by the Select Committee towards the support of the Royal Hospital at Chelsea and the outpensioners for the years 1713 and 1714, with the part issued to John Howe, Esq., and the sums remaining unissued to complete the same. 1 *page.*

36. "An account of what His Maj$^{\text{ties}}$ revenues in the Island of Minorca may amount to for this year 1714."
Signed :—"Jo$^{\text{p}}$ Gascoigne." 2 *pages.*

37. Petition to the House of Commons of the Com$^{\text{rs}}$ for raising money by a land tax within the Palaces of Whitehall and S$^{\text{t}}$ James', &c., relating to the arrears; praying for relief. 2 *pages.*

38. A proposal to the Earl of Halifax and the other Lords of the Treasury for "raising 100,000*l.* annually, without any aggrieving to the subjects." It "may be collected and brought into his Majesty's Exchequer at 2*s.* per pound." Signed :—"Ja. Pym." The duty was proposed to be laid on brass, iron, and copper vessels, and on ovens, furnaces, and mills. 1 *page.*

39. Petition of the artificers belonging to his Majesty's works for themselves and others to the Lords of the Treasury. 35,070*l.* 1*s.* 8¼*d.* are due to the office of works and mostly to the petitioners who have contracted great debts and paid exorbitant interest, and are so reduced that they have not the necessaries of life. Praying for part of the above amount out of her late Majesty's arrears, that they may be in a better condition to wait for the remainder. 24 signatures. 1 *page.*

40. Petition of the Officers and Gentlemen Pensioners to the Lords of the Treasury. 3,000*l.* are due to them for half a year's salary ended at Michaelmas 1714. Conceive they deserve consideration, having had to buy new clothes for her Majesty's birthday, for mourning to attend her Majesty's funeral, and for rich clothes for his Majesty's Coronation. 1 *page.*

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41. Memorial of John, Lord Delawarr, late Treasurer of the Chamber, to the Lords of the Treasury. It has always been the custom on the death of a King or Queen, that the arrears due to the royal servants in the household should be paid by the "Receive Officers" who were in office at the time of the demise. It was so at the deaths of King Charles II. and King William. 15,364*l.* 1*s.* 7½*d.* are still due. Prays to be allowed to pay the servants, as he was in office on the death of the Queen. 1 *page.*

42. A statement of the case of Lady Russell, to whom an annuity of 600*l.* per ann. was granted in 1692 for 31 years, on which there was due to Michaelmas 1714, 11,700*l.* She desires that her account may be stated by the Com^rs of the Irish Revenue to Mich. 1714, and that the arrears, after payment of Lady Dorchester's annuity, may be paid to her. 1 *page.*

43. The Tripoli Ambassador to ———. When he left his own country to congratulate the King on his accession, and to renew a peace which the state of Tripoli has observed with this kingdom for 50 years, he brought a retinue of 20 persons to do greater honour to his sovereign, and to make an appearance in the capital with a lustre suitable to his character; believing that envoys from the States of Barbary were here treated on the same footing as those from Morocco, viz., that besides their weekly allowance, they had likewise that of lodging. But this distinction, he is told, is only granted to Ambassadors from Morocco. From the number of his family and the dearness of provisions, is incapable of supporting himself and his retinue, and of paying for lodging out of his Majesty's allowance, which is 10*l.* per week less than that of the Morocco Ambassadors. Prays him to intercede with his Majesty to add an allowance for lodging. Signed (apparently) in Turkish characters.

On the back is the following memorandum:—

"The allowances which have been always made to the Envoy from Tripoly are as follows:—

To the Envoy for dyet and lodging 15^{li} per week, which is the allowance made the present Envoy.

To the Envoy as a present at his returning home a chain and medal of 200^{l}.

To his Secretary 52^{l} 10^{s} 0^{d}.

To his servants for cloaths 35^{li}.

For a fortnight's allowance of sea provisions 30^{li}." 1 *page.*

44. "A scheme for raising two millions upon annuities on the lives of widows payable out of a fund of 120,000*l*, per ann., (which is above 660,000*l.* per ann. less than the two class lotteries), 200,000*l.* part of the surplus of the three first years, is divided in prizes by way of a lottery, for the service of the year 1714." 1 *page* (*printed.*)

45. Memorial of Captain Michael Owen to the Lords of the Treasury. Has been a commission officer in the army 21 years, and lost his right hand, and has had other great sufferings. Was

[? 1714 or 1715.] ordered 100l. per ann. pension, which another Captain Owen has received: prays provision to be made for him. 1 *page.*

46. Petition of W^m Smith, Peter Latour, Humphrey Denby and James Graves, hautboys to her late Majesty and to his present Majesty, asking payment of their arrears, and for the first quarter of the present King's reign. 1 *page.*

47. Petition of Mary Forbes to the Lords of the Treasury. King Charles II. granted to Frances Jones, petitioner's grandmother, one of the daughters of William Pendrill, a pension of 50*l.* per ann. for services performed by him to the King after his escape from Worcester fight,. King William III. granted the same pension to Frances Jones for life, and to her eldest son after her, who died before his mother; whereupon Queen Anne granted the same to petitioner's uncle, John Jones. Petitioner's husband, James Forbes, is serving as a soldier in General Anstruther's regiment at Gibraltar. Prays continuance of the pension. 1 *page.*

48. Memorial of the Mayor, Aldermen, Capital Burgesses, &c. of the Borough of Bideford, in opposition to an application by the Corporation of Barnstaple, for altering the long and uninterrupted usage of granting warrants for dispatches for the shipping and unshipping goods at Appledore, by the Custom House officers within this port. Crave leave to adhere to the facts set forth in their former memorial, and to refer to the report made on that occasion to the Com^rs of Customs, by the officer within this port. And further to represent that the duties of keyage of the port of Bideford, and of all creeks and harbours within the bar of Barnstaple, belong to their corporation, also that the officers of Customs of the port of Barnstaple, obstruct the shipping of goods in the pool of Appledore, &c. Pray that no directions may be given without an inquiry being made in the premises. 39 signatures. 1 *large page, injured and faded.*

49. "An Extract of the warrant for authorizing the coyning of copper moneys," Undated, but "Georgius Rex" was to be stamped on the coin. 1 *page.*

50. "A proposall for the advancing the two small branches of his Majestyes revenue, viz., the wine lycence duty, and that on hawkers and pedlers; and for uniting them under the care and management of one board." 1¼ *pages.*

51. Petition of Charles Hooper, of Covent Garden, woollendraper, executor of his late brother, James Hooper, of the Middle Temple, London, Esq., deceased, to the Lords of the Treasury, for the renewal of a pension of 200*l.* per ann., bought by the brother, and granted by King William III. to Captain James Waller, Governor of Charles's Fort and Kinsale, Ireland, who had subsisted and transported certain French prisoners in the beginning of the war of Ireland.

Copies of four documents subordinate to the above. 9 *pages.*

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52. "A state of the land revenue of Northwales, 1714, as it stands in charge before the Auditor."

Copy of the same, marked No. 71. 2 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

53. Treasurer of the Chambers' Office. An account of payments made yearly under the several heads of contingencies. From 1704 to 1714. 1 *large page.*

54. An account of what South Sea Stock was created in the year 1711, and the distribution thereof. The last distribution mentioned is in Sept. 1714.

Also an abbreviated copy. 3 *large pages.*

55. Petition of the widow of Anthony Vernatty, Esqre, sole patentee of the lamp lights, to the Lords of the Treasury. For the lamp service of the last session of Parliament of the late Queen, 268*l.* 0*s.* 11*d.* were due. Above 650*l.* had been disbursed by Mr Vernatty on the death of King William for lighting the royal palaces, and for the road to Kensington, none of which had been paid. There was also a great sum in arrear on the death of the Queen for the same services. The arrear for the lamp service for two sessions at Westminster, in King William's time, was paid by order of the vote of the House of Commons upon the first application, "and the great sum excluded." Prays payment of the 268*l.* 11*d.* for her present relief, being in great distress; and for compensation for the other arrears. 1 *page.*

56. Account of all sums of money which appear by the books at the Treasury to have been issued for defraying the charge of the late Queen's funeral.

Similar account of the sums for defraying the charge of the King's coronation.

Also the account or estimate of the charge of the coronation of his Majesty King George. 2 *pages.*

57. "Mahon. A relation of the revenues at Port Mahon, anno 1714."

Also an account of Joseph Gascoigne, appointed by his Grace the Duke of Argyll, for receiving her Majesty's revenues of this Island. 6 *pages.*

58. Petition of Mr D'Alais, her late Majesty's secretary at Hanover, for the expenses of putting himself and servants in mourning on the death of the Queen, viz., for 100*l.*, being the same as Mr Laws, his Majesty's secretary at Brussels, had on the death of the Prince of Denmark.

Also copy of letter of 31 Aug. 1714, from the Rt Hon. Mr Secretary Bromley on the same subject. 2 *pages.*

59. Petition and representation of the Royal African Company to the King. The trade to Africa commenced in the reign of James I. It was necessary to fortify the coasts, the natives being barbarous and cruel. Each European nation excludes all others from its fortified territories. When the French, Dutch, and Portuguese endeavoured to fortify the coasts and engross the trade, the Royal African

[? 1714 or 1715.] Company pressed in amongst them, got a footing, and fortified some few places. To encourage them to secure the trade by building castles and forts, it was requisite that the adventurers should be owners of the lands on the coasts of Africa. The Crown granted them several charters, and the Adventurers built three small forts; they were beaten out by the Dutch in the war of 1665. In 1672 the original members of the present Company proposed to buy out the former Company, and to adventure again with a fresh stock; and King Charles II. granted to the Company all the coasts and lands in Africa, between Cape Verd and the Cape of Good Hope, for 1,000 years, to the intent that they might, by fortifications, get the sole trade and secure it from the French, Dutch, and other Europeans. The Company subscribed in all 698,418*l.*, and got possession of the most beneficial "platts" on the African coasts and fortified them, and in 16 years built 14 new forts and enlarged the three old ones. By these fortifications the Company excluded the French, Dutch, and other Europeans. The happy effect of this was, the cheapness of negroes, for they bought negroes cheap in Africa, and sold them cheap in the plantations in America, which cheapness of negroes was the very foundation that caused such an improvement and growth of the sugar plantations by the negroes' labour, improvements in trade, &c., so that the plantation business became the most flourishing and valuable branch of the whole British trade. The Company represents that the African trade being secured at their sole expenses, they ought to be esteemed the purchasers thereof for a valuable consideration. The Company's property in the lands and coasts of Africa is founded upon these principles, viz., that no subject of Great Britain can gain for himself a property by conquest or occupancy of lands in barbarous countries; that it is the prerogative of the Crown to grant the propriety of lands in barbarous countries to such of its subjects as can conquer or gain possession of them; that this prerogative has been constantly exercised in granting the lands in America, as in Barbadoes, Virginia, Maryland, Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Jamaica, without controversy or contradiction; that the Company as grantees of the lands in Africa, and the planters as grantees of lands in the American plantations, claiming equally under the Crown, both are entitled to the protection of the laws and Government of Great Britain. The Company has been borne down by grievous losses in the late wars with the French, and by the interlopers, who have invaded their territories. Parliament in 1697 granted to all British subjects for a term which expired in July 1712, liberty to trade in the Company's territories paying a rent or duty of 10*l.* per cent. upon all exports; but this liberty brought the Company to the brink of ruin, for trade can never be beneficially carried on without compelling the natives to deal only with the Company, and not to buy, sell, or deal with French, Dutch, or other rivals, as those nations do when they have power. This parliamentary liberty brought in crowds of separate traders, who, instead of commanding the natives, truckled to them, and by that mean behaviour delivered the natives from under the British authority. The Company complain further of these interlopers that the

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[? 1714 or 1715.] bitter fruit of this open trade and violation of the Company's property is, the raising negroes in Africa to an excessive dearness, even about four times the former price. The gold mines can never be possessed and improved by transitory traders. The South Sea Company are now attempting to send a great number of ships to invade the Company's territories. Ask that the South Sea Company shall be restrained from oppressing the Company. Submit their case to the King and Parliament. Undated, but the accession of [Geo. I.] alluded to. Signed by John Pery, Secretary to the Company. 4 *pages.*

60. "Civil list revenues, aggregate fund, and general fund." A paper thus docquetted showing the sources of revenue, &c. 2 *pages.*

61. An account of annual salaries and allowances payable out of the royal revenue of the Island of Minorca. In or after 1714 ?. 1½ *pages.*

62. A proposal touching stamp duties, giving a schedule of the same, and the amounts the items were likely to raise. Undated, but perhaps the beginning of the reign of George I. 2 *pages.*

63. A paper headed "Customs, Scotland," containing various observations as to methods to improve the Customs there. The principal of which are,—Improving trade is the first step to improve the Customs. Importation cannot rise without some method to increase consumption, the want of which is the great defect of Scotland. Nothing can increase the consumption but an increase of people. The revenue is very much impaired by frauds and clandestine trade. Two cruisers might be stationed between the bar of Tynemouth and the firth of Edinburgh. They had these before the Union, and there have been great losses for want of them. The officers on shore are not sufficient, and spies should be employed. The justices of the peace are deficient in their duty, or have not sufficient influence over the people to awe them from running goods. The people have an aversion to the officers as if they were thieves, and upon all occasions "assist against them," as was very remarkable at Preston Pans, where the rabble took away a seizure from the officer by force. The officers who are placed where there are inhabitants, and who are vassals to the laird, connive at frauds, and dare not act against him or his dependants. There is an uncommon confederacy between officers and traders in the giving of certificates of payment of duties, &c. If the ministers could be privately persuaded to discourage the people from stealing customs, and this, not so much in the pulpit as in the Kirk session (a meeting of the parish officers, like our vestry) their influence on the people is such that it would be very much to the purpose. 3 *pages, quarto.*

64. Petition of Walter Yate to the Lords of his Majesty's Treasury for payment of interest on certain orders in the Lottery commonly called the Queen's Lottery. 1 *page.*

65. A scheme of a contract for the coining of 500 tons of English copper into farthings and halfpence. The profits were to

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extend over five years, from the feast of St Michael, 1712, but the date of the document would appear to be in the reign of the following King. 1 *large page.*

66. Petition of Sir Thomas Domvile. Bart., to the King. Was, with Rich. Domvile, Esq., deceased, by King Charles II., appointed Clerk of the Crown and Hanaper in Ireland for life, and for the life of the survivor. Has since discharged the duties, but King James granted the office to one Arthur, an Irish Papist. Petitioner again discharged the duties, which have been very onerous, in the reigns of William III. and Anne, and continued the same in the present reign, the just fees for which would amount to more than 1,000*l.* Is denied any gratification for his services by the influence of Sir Constantine Phipps. Prays recompense for the same services.

The same in French. 3 *pages.*

67. "Observations on the report of Mr Peyton and Sir Isaac Newton, and their account which attended that report, concerning the tin contracts which began in Cornwall the 1st December 1703, and will end on 1st June 1717." Undated, but ? end of 1714. 1½ *pages.*

68. Petition of George Delavale, Esqre to the Lords of his Majesty's Treasury, respecting his claims as Envoy to Portugal and Plenipotentiary to the Emperor of Morocco. Prays payment of the remainder of what was due to him, amounting to 1,785*l.* Undated, but ? 1714 or 1715. [*See also* Vol. LXXIV., 35.]

The following is the minute, on the back, the date of which is not intelligible, except it be that he was to be paid up to that date. "30th Novr 1713. To be paid as far as he is paid on his 5li a day as Envoy." Lower down is "1,554li." 2 *pages.*

69. An abstract of the duty of the Collector, Comptroller, Surveyor, Surveyor-General, and Usher of the Customs outwards. [Date very uncertain.] 1 *page.*

70. Memorial of Sir Thomas Moore, of Sayes, in the county of Surrey, Knt., to the Lords of the Treasury, praying for the grant of an apartment in the Savoy, vacant on the death of the late Reverend Mr Singe; also for the piece of garden ground belonging thereto. Date very uncertain. ½ *page.*

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DOCUMENTS UNDATED, PART II. (but after the REIGN of ANNE, and supposed to be in the beginning of the REIGN of GEO. I.).

1. A schedule of money due by the late Queen to the Earl of Loudoun, 1714.

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?1714 or 1715. *Minuted:*—"The 1,000^{li} to be paid as soon as conveniently may be." *Again:*—"13th Sept^{r} 1715. To be considered with the Queen's arrears." 1 *page.*

2. A state of the Hanaper revenue for one year. 3 *pages.*

3. *Papers docquetted:*—"Extracts as to the Tennis Court ground and buildings." Also:—"Extracts concerning leases of the old way by S^{t} James' Park."

These consist of précis of leases running back to 17 James I. The précis seems to have been made about the beginning of 1715. 12 *pages.*

4. Observations upon the general state of the public funds and what, with due regard to honour, justice, and equity, may be offered for easing the public debts and incumbrances. 7½ *pages.*

5. Petition to the Lords of the Treasury, of several merchants on behalf of themselves and others, proprietors of Bills of Exchange drawn by Col. Hunter, Governor of New York, upon account of the expedition to Canada, praying for payment.

Also:—Extract of her Majesty's instructions to Robert Hunter, Esq^{re}, Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief of New York. Dated 6 Feb. 17$\frac{10}{11}$. 2 *pages.*

6. Memorial of Conyers Darcy and George Fielding, Esq., late Com^{rs} for executing the office of Master of the Horse, to the Lords of the Treasury, praying for the issue of a sum sufficient to pay the arrears to the tradesmen.

Minuted:—"What relates to y^{e} 10,000^{l} due in the Q^{s} time to be considered when y^{e} account of y^{e} payment of y^{e} Q— debts, & w^{t} will bring up y^{e} payments in y^{e} same office to y^{e} same time out of her arrears, shall be layd before y^{e} Lords. The 2,991*l.* 8*s.* 10*d.* due on ye account of mourning and other contingents, by direction of y^{e} Lords Justices to be payd." 1 *page.*

7. Memorial of the Hon. Spencer Compton, Esq., to the Lords of the Treasury, for a warrant to the auditors to allow the payments in the annexed bill for fees for money impressed to him.

The bill referred to. 4 *pages.*

8. Debtor and creditor account of Joseph Gascoigne, Receiver of his Majesty's Royal Patrimony for the Island of Minorca. ? About 1714 or later. 2 *pages.*

9. Memorial of Sir John Jennings to the Lords of the Treasury, praying them to direct the Com^{rs} for Sick and Wounded Seamen to reimburse him the sum of 468*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.* laid out for the sick and wounded at Port Mahon. 1½ *pages.*

10. The case and petition of Thomas Gill, addressed to William Lowndes, Esq. The family is of the Gills, of Oxfordshire, and his grandmother of the Knights, and his mother of the Westons. His father and grandfather had their houses ransacked by the Oliverian party, &c. The writings of the estate and the register or town

? 1714 or 1715. book of the parish of ——— were gotten away, by which their estate was lost to the family. Relates other troubles, including his being abandoned in the churchyard, and his being taken charge of by Henry Brooks, a farmer. When Sir Lionel Jenkins went as Ambassador, upon the treaty of peace at Cologne and Nimmigen, he appointed petitioner "a peculiar attendant of his Excellency," and at the conclusion, petitioner brought a particular message to the Court of England. Relates that he was shuffled out of 90 odd pounds in the office for Duties on Fire Hearths; also his interview with Charles Davenant, Esq., LL.D., at the Excise Office, through whom he was appointed door keeper of that office. Petitioner obtained a judgment against one Fuller, a distiller, but gave up his claim to please the Board. Prays his (M^r^ Lowndes') assistance with their L^ps^ for a pension. 1 *page.*

11. Memorial of Ed. Douglas to the Lords of the Treasury, praying an order to the Navy Board to make out bills to discharge the imprest standing against the Duke of Leeds and others on account of the two old marine regiments.

Also copy of a report of Auditor Harley, and a warrant referred to in the memorial. 4 *pages.*

12. Six papers relating to South Sea Stock. 6½ *pages.*

13. Petition of Thomas Carr to the Lords of the Treasury, for consideration, he having 1,748*l.* due to him for gold and silver lace, fringe and silk furnished to King William. 3,206[*l.*] were also due to his father-in-law. 1 *page.*

14. Memorial of the officers of the Mint at Edinburgh to the Lords of the Treasury. 1,200*l.* per ann. is allowed by Act of Parliament for the officers' salary, but they have received no payment for 18 weeks; pray a warrant for the same. 1 *page.*

15. "An account of what remaines due to M^r^ Jefferys, his Majestie's Minister to y^e^ King of Sweden at Bender, upon his bills of extraordinarys, w^ch^ have exceeded y^e^ regulation, and upon what occasions." Addressed to the Lords Com^rs^ of his Majesty's Treasury. 2 *pages.*

16. Two accounts of the debt due to the Foreign Ministers "on their Ordinary and Extraordinarys," to the day of the Queen's demise.

The following were the Ministers as set out in one of the accounts:—

The Earl of Peterborough, late Ambassador to the King of Sicily, and Plenipotentiary to the Italian Princes.
Daniel Pulteney, Esq., late Envoy to Denmark.
James Scot, Esq., late Envoy to Poland.
Robert Jackson, Esq., late resident at the Court of Sweden.
James Jeffereys, Esq., also late resident there.
John Laws, Esq., late Secretary at Brussels.
Christian Cole, Esq., late Secretary at Venice.

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Isaac D'Alais, Esq., late Secretary at the Court of Hanover.
Mr Breton, (the late), Envoy to Prussia.
Robert Molesworth, Esq., late Envoy to the Duke of Tuscany.
Samuel Thompson, Consul at Algiers.
Benjamin Lodington, Esq., Consul at Tripoli.
Henry Worseley, Envoy to Portugal.
Mr St John, late Secretary to the Embassy at "Utrich."
Mr Burch, late Secretary at the Court of Madrid.
Mr Drummond, Commissary to settle the Commerce of the Spanish Netherlands.
Mr Delaval, late Envoy to Portugal.
Mr Ayerst, late Secretary to the Embassy in Holland.
The Earl of Strafford, late Ambassador and Plenipotentiary for the Treaty of Peace at "Utrich."
Mr Wich, resident at the Hanse Towns.

A third account, containing the totals due to several of the same Ministers. 3 *pages.*

17. Petition of John Mason, gentleman, a poor aged prisoner in the Fleet Prison, to the Lords of the Treasury. Has delivered up his property to the value of 3,000*l.* to pay his liabilities as receiver of taxes for the University, town, and county of Cambridge, and Isle of Ely. Has been 14 years in the Fleet Prison, and is afflicted with the stone, dropsy, scurvy, and rheumatism. Asks for a clause to be inserted in the Bill before the House of Commons for Relief of Insolvent Debtors, that he may be discharged from imprisonment.

Copy of the clause proposed. 3 *pages.*

18. *Docquetted* :—"To the Right Honourble the Lord Halifax, the case of Charles Hay, late Riding Surveyor of the East district in North Britain, with ye Lord Chief Baron Smith's report, &c., recommended to your Lordship by the Right Honourble the Lord Viscount Townshend." The case shows that Hay had detected abuses and caused the dismissal of two officers, and fell into great trouble thereby. It also shows the efforts he had made to obtain employment.

With "the case" is a printed copy of a "Report of George Cruikshank, General Examiner, and Richard Savage, one of the clerks to the Secretary of the Commissioners to the Customs, anent the Officer's Books at Prestonpans." Dated 5 July 1710. 4½ *pages.*

19. "Orders, which our pleasure is shall be observed for our better service in the office of our works, to begin from Lady Day, 1715." A draft with numerous erasures and alterations. 12 *pages.*

20. "A state of the fund for the lotteries No. 1, 2, and 3 for 1,800,000li, anno 1712, so far as it concerns the income thereof into the Exchequer, for and during three years of the term (to wit) from the 25th Xber. 1712 to 25th Xber. 1715."

The receipts appear to be brought down to Christmas 1714. 4 *pages.*

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?1714 or 1715. 21. Memorial of the Earl of Hyndford to the Lords of the Treasury, praying them to remit to the Barons of the Exchequer of Scotland the trial as to his claim for balance of a pension (1,046*l.* 7*s.* 3*d.*) due to his lordship's father out of the Crown rents of Ross and Ardmannoch, &c. 1 *page.*

22. An abstract of the several services reported by the Committee as part of the debt of the army. 1½ *pages.*

23. "Case relating to the half-pay officers" (navy), showing what was allowed by Orders in Council, and what was voted by Parliament. 1½ *pages.*

24. Some papers relating to duties laid on sweets, &c. Uncertain dates, but the last about the beginning of Geo. I. 4 *pages or parts of pages.*

25. Memorial of James Cardonnel, Esq., unaddressed. After the Revolution, was appointed Secretary to the army in Ireland, and soon after Secretary to the office of Ordnance in England, both of which employments he lost by the death of the Duke of Schomberg; disbursed several sums for the fortification of Belturbet, &c., for which he never received any satisfaction. When the late Duke of Schomberg and Leinster commanded "the Army in Chief in Great Britain," was appointed Secretary at 15*s.* a day until he could be better provided for. Never received but eight months' pay, there being upwards of 2,000*l.* due to him. Was turned out from being a Commissioner for Salt Duties for his adherence to the Protestant succession, but restored on the accession of King Geo. I. Praying for satisfaction of the debt or some better employment.

Also copy of certificate of his services. [After 1714.] 2 *pages.*

26. Proposal by John Storey and Son, to the Lords of the Treasure, to take his Majesty's tin at the Tower at 3*l.* 8*s.* per cwt.

Three other papers containing memoranda as to tin. 2 *pages and 2 parts of pages.*

27. Copy of memorial of Francis Gwyn to the Lords of the Treasury, relating to the demands for bedding, &c. of the magistrates of Dunkirk, on account of her late Majesty's forces in garrison there. [This is a copy of the memorial described under date of 14 Dec. 1713.]

There is also a state of the disbursementsmade by the Magistrates of Dunkirk about the same, and for damages in the hospital, together with a certificate on the same subject. 16½ *pages.*

28. Memorial to the Lords of the Treasury, of William Sherrard and Mary Forth, on behalf of themselves and others, creditors, officers and servants of King William the Third, praying that their dismal condition may be considered, they having supplied various offices with

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29. Payments made out of his Ma^{ty}'s Civil List revenues, which ought to have been paid out of arrears of the late Queen's.

At the foot is:—"The fees, sallaries, and pencõns, with other annual allowances, were almost all paid from Mids^{r} 1714 by his Ma^{ty}." 1 *page, quarto.*

30. Petition of William Neilson to the Lords of the Treasury. Michael Kincaid, Esq., deceased, was one of the Ushers of Prince George of Denmark, till the Prince's death, at a salary of 100*l.* per ann. He was then continued by Queen Anne on the Civil List till her Majesty's death. A year's salary was due at Midsummer 1714. As Administrator, asks payment. 1 *page.*

31. Petition of the High Sheriff, Justices of the Peace, Freeholders, and principal inhabitants of the county and town of Catherlogh in Ireland, to the King. A considerable colony of French Protestant refugees is settled in Catherlogh, who strengthen the Protestant interest. The allowance to the French Minister is only 30*l.* per ann., being 20*l.* less than is granted to any other French colony. Praying for an additional allowance. 30 signatures. 1 *page.*

32. Petition of the Officers of Lord Galway's late Spanish regiment of Foot to the Lords of the Treasury, praying payment [of their arrears].

Also another memorial to the King on the same subject. (French). 2 *pages, much decayed.*

33. Memorial of Major General Holmes, Lieut.-Governor of the Isle of Wight, to the Lords of the Treasury. It has always been the duty of the Lieut.-Governor to provide wood and straw for encampments made on the Island. Prays that for the encampment to be held there this summer, the same privileges may be granted to him as were granted to his predecessors in providing these supplies. 1 *page.*

34. "Disposition" of Rymer's Fœdera, printed at the sole charge of the late Queen, in sets containing 17 volumes each.

Showing the names of the persons alphabetically arranged to whom they were distributed. 3 *pages.*

35. "Observations on a report from the Com^{rs} of Accounts" [of debts due to the army]. The observations relate to the method of proceeding to obtain debentures from the paymaster.

Also:—"Extract of a report from the Comm^{rs} for examining & determining the debts due to the army." 4½ *pages.*

36. Report of J. Vanbrugh to the Lords [of the Treasury] on the grounds of the demand of the workmen employed in building Blenheim. Gives a history of the building, a model of which was kept at Kensington. 10 *pages.*

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37. Petition of the Officers, late of Brigadier Hunt, Withers', and Col. La Bouchetire's regiments of dragoons, to the Lords of the Treasury, for a warrant to be granted that the officers *en second* may receive the subsistence due to them up to the breaking the regiments.

Copy of report on the same subject. 3½ *pages.*

38. A narrative of the account or demand of Brigadier Price's late regiment of foot, delivered to the Hon^{ble} Board of Com^{rs} for stating the debts of the army. 3 *pages.*

39. Memorial (not stated from whom or to whom addressed), proposing that M^{r} Moncrieffe should have a reversionary grant of the office of King's Remembrancer for Scotland, at a salary of 200*l.* per ann., David Moncrieffe, Esq., then holding the same. [Probably after 1714; perhaps several years later.] 1½ *pages.*

40. Memorial of Brigadier Stanwix, late Governor of Gibraltar, to the Lords of the Treasury, for payment of 326*l.* for contingencies in that office for the year 1713.

Minuted:—" Ordered out of 1,200^{li} by sale of salt." 1 *page.*

41. Petition to the House of Commons of Great Britain from the Tallow Chandlers and makers of candles, who are fair traders within the city of London, and Bills of Mortality; complaining that they and the King's revenue are injured by the clandestine making of candles; praying that a Bill may be brought in on the subject. (Numerous signatures.)

Also the case of the Tallow Chandlers, and—

A scheme or proposal to raise money instead of the duty now paid by candles, commonly called the candle tax, exclusive of wax candles. All without date, but probably in the reign of George I. 3 *pages.*

42. Representation of Henry Cartwright, Receiver-General of the Stamp Duties, concerning the business of his office, showing the number of clerks and their duties. Date not mentioned, but after 1714. 2 *pages.*

43. Petition of Andrew Logie, George Moore, and Jane Terry, widow and administratrix of Abraham Terry, deceased, to the Lords of the Treasury, praying for the reward of 100*l.* promised by his Majesty's proclamation for the apprehension of John Roberts, *alias* Lee, for highway robbery. [? After 1714.] 1 *page.*

44. Petition of Frances, widow of Charles Horwell, now the wife of Samuel Malden, to the Lords of the Treasury. Her husband was collector and surveyor of his Majesty's coal duty in Leigh until 30 Sept. 1714, when he was drowned whilst attending the King up the river. Prays that her present husband may be appointed riding officer to guard the coast from South Shoeberry to Foulness.

At the foot is:—" Jervis Tully, being absconded, Samuel Malden to be rideing officer in his place from South Shoeberry to Foulness." 1 *page.*

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45. Memorial of Jane Jones, daughter and one of the executors of Frances, late wife of Thomas Addison, Esq., deceased, to the Lords of the Treasury. By a report of 13 July 1714, 925*l.* 5*s.* 10*d.* is due to the executors of Thomas Addison for recovering to the Crown from the papists, that part of the Savoy beyond the barracks, &c. Prays relief. 1 *page.*

46. Memorial of the Rᵗ Hon. Elizabeth, Countess of Orkney, trustee for the children of the late Colonel Henry Villiers, to the Lords of the Treasury. 200*l.*, being a year's arrear of a pension granted by the late Queen, are due; prays payment. 1 *page.*

47. Memorial "for Lord Charles Kerr" to the King. Was appointed in 1694 to be director of the Chancery in Scotland, and in 1713 the appointment was renewed to him for life. By the Union the profits of the office were reduced one half, and the antient fee is only 25*l.* Prays that the losses he has sustained ever since the Union may be repaired.

Also a duplicate. 2 *pages.*

48. Petition of Richard Score, late Collector of H.M. Customs at Penzance, to the Lords of the Treasury. Detected great abuses committed in the Custom House in the computation of the duties on unrated East India goods. Details other services. Prays for recompense. Undated, but after 1714. 1¼ *pages.*

49. "Mʳ Thomas Castle's Case." Was Commissary of Stores in Spain, until superseded by one Vincent, who really had "none of the Queen's Commission." Has received no money for sums disbursed to the value of 400*l.* The Queen granted him half-pay, but he was left out in the present reign. Prays the renewal of his warrant. 1 *page, quarto.*

50. Representation of the Dean and Chapter of Rochester Cathedral to the Lieut.-General and the principal officers of his Majesty's Ordnance. In 1709 they were seised of the reversion and inheritance of an estate of about 617*l.* per ann., then leased out. The Comʳˢ appointed to treat for lands required for fortifying Portsmouth, Chatham, and Harwich, took the estate into the boundaries of the intended fortifications at Chatham. An inquisition was taken to ascertain the value of the estate, and the Dean and Chapter complain that the reversionary interest of their tenants was better provided for than their own. Upon a further hearing of their case the Comʳˢ prevailed with the tenants to make a further allowance to the Dean and Chapter. Pray that they may have the true value of their estate. 4 *pages.*

51. Draft of letters patent of King Geo. [I.] in favour of the Governor and Company of Copper Miners in England, granting, restoring, and confirming to the present officers their offices, &c. Undated. 7 *pages, brief size.* [Apparently not entered on the patent rolls.]

52. *Paper docquetted:*—"List of diverse of her late Majesties pentions by the hands of Mr Nicholas." Showing the names of the recipients. 9 *pages.*

53. "An establishment of ordinary wages, fees, allowances, & pentions yearly allowed by us to our officers and servants of our Chamber, and other of our Household, and to the officers & servants of our revenue." [Mention of the late Queen Anne.] 20 *pages, quarto.*

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[Jan.] 1. A list of New Year's gifts for the Secretaries of the Treasury, 1715. 1½ *pages.*

1 Jan. 2. Representation of the Comrs for disbanding the Marine regiments to the Lords of the Treasury, praying for consideration for a portion of their services, for which they have no allowance. Their commission will expire in six months from the demise of the Queen, and it will not be possible to settle their business within the time, besides which the accounts will have to be made up. Dated, Scotland Yard, Jan. 1, 1714–15.

Minuted:—"Read 10th Jan. 1714. My Lords think to continue two in a commission for this purpose." 3 *pages.*

2 Jan. 3. Report of E. Harley, Auditor of Imprests, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of John Holbeche, gent., of the Treasurer of the Chamber's Office, praying that the extraordinary payments of his office may be allowed. Disallows 90*l.* for a wrong charge in the locksmith's bills, thereby reducing the amount to 1,937*l.* 5*s.* 5*d.* His Majesty's warrant, countersigned by their Lordships, will be necessary to authorise the payments. Dated 2 Jan. 1715.

The petition referred to, and another petition with annexed list of payments.

Minuted:—"Lect. 19 7br. Prepare a S.M. for allowing the particulars amting to 1,937*l.* 15*s.* 5*d.*" 9 *pages.*

3 Jan. 4. Wm Blathwayt to ———. Has received an Account of the Public Revenues of the Massachusetts Bay, in New England, for one year, ending 31st May 1714, as also one year's accounts of his Majesty's Revenues of Quit Rents, and two shillings per hhd., arising in Virginia to 25th April 1714. Has prepared an abstract thereof, which he encloses, and desires that it may be laid before the Lords of the Treasury. Dated Whitehall, 3 Jan. 1714.

The two last enclosures referred to. 3½ *pages.*

4 Jan. 5. An account of money due to the Office of Ordnance from the South Sea Company and Trustees on account of stock transferred to them. Dated Office of Ordnance, January 4th 1714.

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Minuted :—" M^{d} when y^{e} Trustees come to speak abt. y^{e} propor-c̃on^{ble} pt for y^{e} Ordnc̃e." *Again* :—" 18 Jan^{ry} $17\frac{14}{15}$, 12,000^{li} out of S. Sea Subscripc̃ons towards paying the purchase money for the Landƈ." *Further*. " Lr̃e Signed."

Also duplicate. 2 *pages*.

4 Jan. 6. Sir Ch^{r} Wren to W^{m} Lowndes, Esq^{re}, concerning the Clerk of the Works at Windsor. Begs that their Lordships would not take from him the ancient right and privilege of his office in the nomination of his clerks, a right that had been granted him " in every Reign for these Fifty Years." Has enclosed a copy of his answer last week to M^{r} Tilson, giving his reasons for not admitting M^{r} Bragg. Entreats him to lay them before their Lordships. Dated Office of Works, Whitehall, 4 Jan. 1715.

On the back is :—" The lr̃e to M^{r} Tilson was delivered S^{r} William S^{t} Quintin."

The following is a description of the letter referred to :—

Sir Christopher Wren to Christopher Tilson, Esq. Asks him to represent to Sir William S^{t} Quintin, that he has enquired into the character of M^{r} Ralph Bragg, writing master at Eton. He is not qualified for the business in his (Sir Christopher's) office at Windsor, nor for any business of trust. The present clerk of the works at Windsor, M^{r} Charles Browne, is perfectly well qualified for his Majesty's service, and has been bred up in the business of his (Sir Christopher's) office from childhood. Constituted him clerk of the works there on the 13th inst., being sworn by a Baron of the Exchequer, conformably to the established rights and customs of the Office of Works. 31 Dec. 1714. (A copy.) 2½ *pages*.

5 Jan. 7. Order of Council referring the petition of Eleanor Conway, widow, to the Lords of the Treasury, to consider and report upon. Her father, Capt. Hewett Finch, had lent to the Crown, in the reign of Charles I., 3,000*l*. for the reduction of Ireland. For this petitioner had no recompense, although she had letters patent in her favour. Her late husband, Capt. Conway, had 800*l*. arrears due to him, besides an order for a pension for service in the Government, of which her late Majesty ordered payment, but petitioner only received a very small bounty for it. She prays his Majesty either to order her payment of the debt or an allowance in lieu thereof. Dated 5 Jan. 1714.

Minuted :—" 6th August 1717. She has 20*l*. ꝑ annum upon the Establishm^{t}."

Two copies of the above.

Petition annexed. 4½ *pages*.

5 Jan. 8. Order of Council referring the petition of Henry Smithson to the Lords of the Treasury to consider and report thereon. He had " Detected, aprehended & prosecuted several false Coyners or Counterfeiters of the currant coin of this Kingdome, as well as the utterers of the same at his owne Charge." Had thus expended 95*l*. 17*s*. 6*d*. Prays payment of the same, as also " such further encouragem^{t} towards carrying on the said services as shall be thought requisite." Dated 5 Jan. 1714. 1 *page*.

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5 Jan. 9. Copy of an Order in Council referring the petition of Elizabeth Salenave, widow, to the Lords Com^{rs} for Trade and Plantations, to examine and report thereupon. Petitioner was widow of Jordan Salenave, late Deputy Governor of the French part of the Isle of S^{t} Christopher [and sister of Lieut.-General Labadie, Governor of the citadel of Lisle in Flanders]. The petition says that she had been dispossessed by the Treaty of Ryswick of her estate in the said island, and prays speedy restitution of the same. Dated 5 Jan. 1714.

Minuted:—" Read 23rd Febr^{y} 1714–15."

Petition referred to. 3 *pages.*

6 Jan. 10. Com^{rs} of Excise in Scotland to the Lords [of the Treasury]. As soon as they were informed "of the barbarous usage M^{r} M^{c}Allen, an Officer of Excise, had met with at Creiff, a village in Perthshire, they sent directions to the Collector of Excise. Have as yet been unable to discover "the Actors thereof or their Abettors. The best way of discovering them is by promising a reward to the first discoverers, with indemnity to their persons if concerned therein." Dated Excise Office, Edinb. 6 January 1714–15.

Minuted:—" A Proclamac̃on was issued promising 200^{li} reward to any one who w^{d} discover the actors." *Again*:—" 4th August 1715. Warr^{t} sign'd for a bounty of 50^{li}."

Enclosed:—M^{r} M^{c}Allen's representation, and the answer of the Collector of Excise in that shire to the orders sent him by the Com^{rs} of Excise; also two copies of the London Gazette, N^{os} 5,301 and 5,312, which do not appear to have any connexion with the other papers. 5 *pages* (2 *are print*).

6 Jan. 11. Warrant of Lord Shrewsbury to the R^{t} Hon^{ble} the Lord Guernsey, Master of his Majesty's Jewel Office, to deliver to Robert Lowther, Esq., Gov^{r} of Barbadoes, "two little flaggons, one chalice, a patent, and a receiver to take the offerings in, for the use of his Majesty's chapp^{ll} there, not exceeding the value of eighty pounds." Dated 6 Jan. 1714. 1 *page.*

7 Jan. 12. Rob^{t} Clayton to M^{r} Lowndes. Encloses by Lord Carnarvon's directions the state of the subsidy payable to the King of Portugal, and begs him to lay the same before the Lords of the Treasury. Dated Whitehall, 7 Jan^{ry} 1714–15.

The enclosure not now with it. 1 *page.*

[About 7 Jan.] 13. Report of the Com^{rs} for Duties on Leather to the Lords of the Treasury, on the representation of S^{r} Isaac Shard, about duties on hides, etc. The reason for the duties on hides falling so short was not due to the ignorance or omission of the officers, as he alleges, but to the fact that the estimate for London and Scotland was placed much too high. They employed none but thoroughly qualified persons as officers, on whom a most efficient check is placed by the diaries which the collectors send up every six weeks. Answer the particular articles of Sir Isaac Shard's letter. In their answer to his fourth article, in which he asserts that the officers were unable to distinguish between a lamb or sheep skin, and a doe skin, they say: "There's this general rule (which officers are acquainted wth) that in all sheep and lamb skins the gashes of the knife will appear in the shanks, whereas in buck and doe skins the shanks are smooth by reason of their being cased, and not flayed as sheep and lamb is, and if the shanks should be cut off (which would give suspicion) there are other tokens which so far differences them that no carefull officer can err in making his charge." *The letter is minuted*:—" Jan^{ry} 17$\frac{14}{15}$ Send this to Comm^{rs} of Leather to consider."

The letter referred to, and a report stating that the estimate for London and Scotland was much too high. 6 *pages.*

[About 7 Jan.] 14. South Sea Company to the Lords of the Treasury. Beg that their Lordships will be pleased to order the quarter's annuity due at Xmas. last in money.

Minuted:—" 7 Jan^{ry} 17$\frac{14}{15}$. My Lords will consider this."

Again:—" 13do read againe. My Lords are of opinion they have nothing more in their power than the tallys on malt to make this qu^{rs} paym^{t} with, to w^{ch} y^{e} members acquiesce." ½ *page.*

7 Jan. 15. John Anstis to the Lords of the Treasury. The coinages in Devon and in two of the issue towns in Cornwall were over before Christmas Day, and the tinners will, in a few days, be at liberty to dispose of their tin unless the King give orders for issuing money to pay for it. Dec. 7, 1714–15.—[" Dec " is evidently a mistake for January.]

Minuted:—" 7 Jan^{ry} 17$\frac{14}{15}$. Read. To be considered at a full board." 1 *page.*

8 and 10 Jan. 16. The Earl of Oxford to [the Vice-Chamberlain], with regard to a house at S^{t} James', which his Majesty wishes to purchase of him. The house is worth 8,000*l.* to himself. Will not sell it for less to any fellow subject, but will let his Majesty have it for 7,500*l.* Concludes,—" If I were to sel Bramton Castle or Wigmore, I know no other rule to value them by but the use they are to me, and what they are worth to me." Dated Jan. 8, 1714–15, but a postscript is added:—" Janu. 10. When I had wrote half this letter I was taken so ill I could not finish it until this day." 2 *pages.*

10 Jan. 17. " Observacõns to the Auditor's Report upon M^{r} Baker's mem^{ll} presented to the late Lord Treasurer (Oxford). Dated 18th March 171$\frac{3}{4}$." Signed Hen. Baker, January 10, 1714. Among other things, he denies that he was ever surveyor of the coasts of Kent and Sussex, being only surveyor of the riding officers appointed there. Annexed are copies of two warrants, appointing him as the only prosecutor of persons corresponding with France; on the back of one of which is " Capt. Baker's memorial, wth copies of two warr^{ts} relating to his office of survey^{r} of the coasts." 3½ *pages.*

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11 Jan. 18. Copy of a report made by the Lords of the Treasury, to his Majesty, on the clause in the late Queen's will, which related to 2,000*l.* to be distributed amongst poor people as her Majesty's alms. The draft in question, containing many blanks not filled up, cannot be construed to be her Ma$^{ty's}$ will; "nothing appearing to have been done by her said Ma^{ty} towards executing the same, nor was there in respect of this charity any designation or direction about it, under her said Ma$^{ty's}$ Signe Manual before her demise." If, however, his Ma^{ty} see fit to order the payment of the said charity, according to the directions of the draft, they have no objection to offer. Dated Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, 11th January $17\frac{14}{15}$.

Enclosed is a letter from Lord Townshend, desiring them to make the above report.

Minuted:—"4 Jan^{ry} $17\frac{14}{15}$. Ld. Townshend, with a draught of the late Q.'s will." *Again*:—"7 Jan^{ry} $17\frac{14}{15}$. That y^{e} will was not executed, nor no Signe Man^{l}, but if K. thinks fit Lds. have no objeccõn."

Lord Townshend's letter. 2 *pages.*

11 Jan. 19. Richard Pryce, "Reg^{r} of Pamp^{ts}" at the Stamp Office, to William Lowndes, Esq^{re}. Encloses petition, which he begs him to lay before the Lords of the Treasury. Dated 11 Jan. 1714.

The petition, in which he says that M^{r} Martyn, one of the Com^{rs} of the Stamp Duties, has, he is informed, persuaded the new Com^{rs} of that revenue to displace him. Cannot imagine any reason for his removal "unless it be to give the sd̃ M^{r} Martyn an opportunity of getting money for y^{r} petition$^{r's}$ office, which yo^{r} petitioner has the more reason to suspect, because one W^{m} Holland, an officer attending the rolling press for stamp pamp^{ts} put in by the said M^{r} Martyn, has often declar'd he gave fourscore guineas for his office, and yo^{r} petition^{r} knows the said M^{r} Martyn ꝑtended he put him in by the recommendation of the late L$^{d.}$ Trẽr, and is well inform'd that such ꝑtention was false. That yo^{r} petitioner has heard of other removals intended, and of other money taken by the sd̃ M^{r} Martyn, while he was formerly a Com^{r}."

The petition is *minuted*:—"Jan. $17\frac{14}{15}$. Order M^{r} Martyn & M^{r} Price to be here tomorr morñ." *Again*:—"12 d^{o}, M^{r} Martin & M^{r} Price appear. Upon hearing M^{r} Price upon this peticõn my Lords are of opinion that he hath not made out any of his allegations, but if he can bring any proofs their Lordps. will be ready to receive them." 2 *pages.*

12 Jan. 20. Report of Sir Roger Mostyn to the Lords of the Treasury on Charles Lord Tyrawly's representation, which states that M^{r} Peter Potter, agent to the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, late under his Lordship's command, received from the Paymasters of the Forces and applied to his own use large sums upon account of the said regiment, while the regiment was in service in Spain. Since this he and his security are "broke." As large sums are due to Potter from Lt.-Gen^{l} Wills' regiment of Marines, begs that the money due from Potter to the said regiment of Fusiliers may be detained out of

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The representation referred to. 2 *pages.*

13 Jan. 21. Comrs of Stamp Duties to the Lords of the Treasury. Give a list of the officers of their establishment, and suggest various changes which might be made in the office. Their first observation is:—"that the Assistant to the London Inspector of Courts and Corporations has a higher salary allowed him than the inspector himself," &c. "The reason whereof wee are strangers to, but think it neither just nor convenient, since the principall in every office may expect more than any person that is under him, and the giving a larger salary to inferior officers than to their superiors makes them insolent to them and less under command." They beg also, that it may be an instruction to them "for the future to admit no person above forty years of age, nor any one that is not sound and perfect in their limbs," into the number of their working officers, "several having been formerly brought in that by being aged and infirm have become in a few years a hindrance of business by their disability to discharge their duty, and a burthen instead of an assistance to their fellow officers."

Enclosed are several schedules, lettered from A to I, and subordinate to the contents of the Comrs' letter. Dated Stamp Office, Lincolns Inn, January 13th 1714. 14 *pages.*

[About 14 Jan.] 22. Report of Edward Northey, Knt, Attorney-General, and of Nicholas Lechmere, Esq., Solicitor-General, on the petition of Grace, Lady Dowager Carteret, and John, Lord Gower. The petitioners represent that King Charles II. granted to John, Earl of Bath, and to his heirs (in consideration of the great services done by him and his father, Sr Bevill Granville), a pension of 3,000*l.* per ann. to be paid out of the revenues of the Duchy of Cornwall, and in case of failure thereof (by there being a Duke of Cornwall) to be paid out of the hereditary excise of Cornwall, Devon, and the city of Exeter. This pension has descended to them as coheirs of the said John, late Earl of Bath, and (now that there is a Duke of Cornwall) ought to be paid out of the hereditary excise. The petitioners pray that the pension, which is in arrear from Lady-day last, may be paid with arrears. Are of opinion that they should be paid as they petition out of the hereditary excise.

The petition: *minuted*:—"14 Janry 17$\frac{14}{15}$. Wts to be prepared pursut to the Grants." 4½ *pages.*

14 Jan. 23. Representation of Sr William Ashhurst and Sr Thomas Abney to the Lords [of the Treasury], about the coal meters. The Comrs of Customs had reported on a memorial from the master coal meters of London, but their report was only grounded on the false statements of the master meters, who behave with great injustice and oppression towards their under meters. Beg that their Lordships will not make any order upon the Comrs' report, until they have

heard what the under meters also have to say, by means of their counsel, on the subject. Dated London, Jan. 14th 1714–15. 3 *pages.*

[About 14 Jan.] 24. "A state of the case relating to the debts of ye army." Memoranda on this subject. The last date occurring is 14 Janry 1714.

15 Jan. 25. The Lord Lieutenant of Ireland (Sunderland) to the Lords of the Treasury, about the poor Palatines. Has received the enclosed report [described more particularly below]. The Comrs for these Palatines desire that the surplus of 624*l.* per ann., as well as the 720*l.* stopped for fees, may be distributed among these 263 families, to enable them to maintain a minister and an agent, and to support other contingent charges. Dated London, Jan. 15, 1714–15.

Minuted:—"16 Feb. $17\frac{14}{15}$. To be considered when the establishmt comes to be made." *Again:*—"4th June 1715. Order'd."

Report of the Comrs for the Palatines to the Lords Justices of Ireland on the memorial of Daniel Hintz, agent and interpreter to the Palatines in Ireland, and on other papers (not now) enclosed. In 1709 her late Majesty sent into Ireland 821 families of Palatines, and allowed 24,000*l.* for their relief, which had all been applied to that use except 720*l.* which was stopped in the Treasury "for poundage and pells." In Nov. 1711 the families were reduced to 312, and her Majesty, in 1712, allowed 40*s.* a family to them for seven years. The Comrs on 4 April 1713 represented that there only remained 263 families, numbering 979 persons, who were settled in farms, the rest having removed out of the kingdom. The Comrs now pray to be allowed the surplus of 624*l.* per ann. for seven years, and for the 720*l.* of Treasury fees to be applied to maintain a minister to read the Liturgy of the Church to them in their own language, and for an agent who understands their language. They further represent that the Palatines have all received the Sacrament according to the Liturgy, but are utterly ignorant that they should have taken the oath and been naturalised. The Act relating to the oaths having been repealed, the Palatines cannot now take the oath, and so are rendered incapable of enjoying their leases, which are set them by several Protestant gentlemen, except her late Majesty recommended their case to Parliament. The Comrs state that at the time of the present report there are 230 families, all settled on farms taken on lease, who are employing themselves very industriously in raising hemp and flax, and in other husbandry, except a few tradesmen that are settled in Dublin. In a little time they will be of great advantage to the kingdom, and a strength to the Protestant interest; but as they are not yet fully acquainted with the English laws and customs, nor perfect in the language, a minister to read the Liturgy in their own language is necessary, and an agent who understands their language, so that they shall not be wronged or abused in their dealing. The Comrs recommend that these poor people shall be capacitated by law to hold their leases and shall be allowed the 624*l.* and the 720*l.* above referred to. Dublin, 18 Nov. 1714.

Also an abstract of the report.

The other papers are not now with it. $5\frac{1}{2}$ *pages.*

17 Jan. 26. Report of the Com^{rs} of the Wine Licences to the Lords of the Treasury. Transmit the present establishment of their several officers and their respective salaries and duties. They give also the particulars of the contingent charges of the year 1713. These are heavier than those of preceding years, but the difference is due to the expense of prosecuting defaulters, which had not been done for some years before, and to the messengers being kept longer in their several circuits to detect persons selling wine without a licence. Dated "Wine Lycence Office," the 17th of January 17$\frac{14}{15}$.

The establishment referred to. 3 *pages.*

[? About 17 Jan.] 27. "The Earl of Oxford about his house at St. James's." A paper docquetted thus, unsigned. 7,500*l.* is what he values the house at, and as he could have made more of it, he has reason to insist that the purchase-money be paid free from all charges whatsoever.

Minuted :—"17th Jan^{ry} 171$\frac{4}{5}$. A warr^{t} for 7,500*l.* to be prepared, with the fees to be paid on receiving it." 2 *pages.*

17 Jan. 28. Presentment of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury as to the damage done to the Custom House by the late dreadful fire near it. The Long Room and the east part of the Custom House have sustained no harm, but the Com^{rs}' room at the west end of the house, their secr^{y}'^{s} office, and several other offices near there are very much damaged. The foundation of that part of the Custom House has been so much damaged by the blowing up of the adjoining houses that they have ordered it to be shored. Their officers have secured their books and papers. The usual ways to the "Keyes" near the Custom House being stopped by this accident, they have desired the Board of Ordnance to open a cartway out of the east end of Thames Street towards Tower Hill. Dated Custom House, London, 17th Jan^{ry} 1714.

Minuted :—"18 Jan^{ry} 171$\frac{4}{5}$. Read."

Enclose a copy of a survey of the west end of the Custom House, which they directed able builders to take.

The copy of the survey referred to. 3 *pages.*

17 Jan. 29. Petition of Thomas Hewett, Surveyor-Gen^{l} of His Majesty's Woods, &c., to the Lords of the Treasury. Edward Wilcox, Esq., then her Ma^{ty}'^{s} Surveyor-Gen^{l} on the south side Trent, was, in 1707, authorised by her late Ma^{ty}'s warrant to fell a certain number of trees yearly, for the term of 40 years, in the New Forest, for the service of the navy. The warrant has become void by her late Ma^{ty}'^{s} demise, begs therefore to know their Lordships' pleasure therein. M^{r} Wilcox, the late surveyor, refuses to deliver to him the ancient books, &c, or any information relating to the office; begs therefore for such directions as may be necessary. Dated 17 Jan. 1714.

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Minuted :—" 3 Jan^{ry} [sic] 17$\frac{14}{15}$. A w^{t} to deliver all books, papers, writings, & muniments w^{t}soever belonging to the office of survey^{r} by schedule indented." 1 *page.*

18 Jan. 30. Report of the Com^{rs} of Stamps to the Lords of the Treasury, on a representation of Benjamin Robins and Richard Duke, certifying that Robins served the office of distributor of stamps, &c. for the city of Exeter for many years faithfully, but had been removed. Believed that Robins and Duke were well affected to the Government, and were fit to be employed as distributors for the city of Exeter. Dated Stamp Office, Lincoln's Inn, 18 Jan. 1714.

The representation.

Minuted :—" Agreed." 2 *pages.*

18 Jan. 31. Memorial of the R^{t} Hon^{ble} the Earl of Radnor, Treasurer of his Majesty's Chamber, to the Lords of the Treasury. Prays that certain payments may be replaced on the establishment of his office. Forwarded by J. Holbech. Dated 18 Jan. 1714. 2 *pages.*

21 Jan. 32. " An estimate of what remained due to the Publick Ministers at the time of her late Majesties demise, what hath been since paid to them on acco^{t} of the said arrear and remaines to clear the same." Dated Jan. 21, 1714–15.

Two copies, one with several alterations in it. 2 *pages.*

22 Jan. 33. Opinion of Sir Edw. Northey, Attorney-General, on two queries founded on the petition of John Montagu, Esq., Registrar, Comptroller and Accomptant of the money paid on the apprentice duties. Is of opinion (1) that the money paid on apprentice duties is not within the patent of the Comptroller of the Stamp Duties, such money not being a duty charged on stamped vellum, &c., and (2) that the Comptroller of the money paid on the apprentice duty will properly be appointed by the Com^{rs} for managing that duty with the direction or approbation of the Treasury ; but his Ma^{ty} may, if he think fit, appoint by letters patent, the office being one that relates to the revenue of the Crown. Dated Jan. 22, 1714–15.

The petition referred to ; also a copy of the above, with a copy of the petition, enclosing the observation of the Com^{rs} of the Stamp Duties. 9 *pages.*

22 Jan. 34. " A state of her late Ma^{ty}'s debts to the Civil Government as they stood at the time of her demise. And an acco^{t} of what was then in the Exchequer and farther expected to be paid in towards satisfying the said debts. Also, an account of the application thereof from 1st August to 21st Jan^{ry} 1714 inclusive, etc."

Two copies. 8 *pages.*

Jan. 22. 35. Report of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland (Sunderland) to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Timothy, Lord Bishop of Kilmore and Ardagh, Nicholas, Lord Bishop of Killaloe, and Edward, Lord Bishop of Raphoe, praying his Majesty to issue his Royal letters for granting them the fruits of the said bishoprics for the intervening time between the vacancy of their respective sees, and the date of their letters patent. Have referred the same to

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the Lords Justices of Ireland, who, having consulted the Com^{rs} of Revenue, are of opinion that the favour prayed for depends wholly on his Ma$^{ty's}$ royal pleasure, but that the same has been granted to others, in like cases. Concurs in their opinion, and thinks his Ma$^{ty's}$ bounty will be well bestowed on the petitioners. Dated London, Jan. 22, 1714–15.

The petition referred to.

Minuted :—" 22 Nov^{r} 1714. Ref. to Lord Lieutenant." *Again* : " 14 June 1715. A warr^{t} to be p̃pared according to my Lord Sunderland's report. But my Lords will represent to y^{e} King the inconvenience of granting such bounties in time coming, and propose that his Ma^{ty} will establish a gen^{ll} rule to be observed in relacõn to the temporalities of vacant bishop^{ks} in Ireland."

Also the reference from the Lords of the Treasury, the letter from the Lords Justices of Ireland (the signatures torn away), the report of the Com^{rs} of Revenue in Ireland, and the report of the Com^{rs} of Revenue. 7 *pages*.

Jan. 22. 36. Memorial of Henry Baker to the Lords of the Treasury. Was appointed by King William Survey^{r}-General of the Riding Officers on the coasts of Kent and Sussex, and was also appointed to prosecute for all offences relating to trade and correspondence between those coasts and France. Thanks their Lordships for restoring him to the office of Surveyor-General, and prays them to renew the former warrants to him. Dated Jan. 22, 1714–15.

Minuted :—" March 9th, 1714. Agreed."

Encloses copies of 3 warrants from the Lds. of the Treasury: (1.) Dated 30 July 1697, to the Com^{rs} of Customs; (2.) Same date, to the Attorney General; (3.) Dated 27 Feb. 1696, to Com^{rs} of Customs. 4 *pages*.

Jan. 22. 37. " A state of her late Majesty's debts to the Civil Government as they stood at the time of her demise; and an account of what was then in the Exchequer and farther expected to be paid in, towards satisfying the said debts. Also an account of the application thereof from the 1st August to 21st January 1714 inclusive, &c." [Numbered 44, probably one of a series.] 4 *pages*.

Jan. 23. 38. Copy of Sir Basill Dixwell's memorial to the Lords of the Treasury. The late Auditor of the Malt Duty, Robert Davers, had been removed, and the late Deputy Auditor, George Bruere, was dead. Prays that the warrant to the late Auditor may be renewed in favour of himself, and that the late Deputy Auditor's warrant may be renewed in favour of Edward Lerpiniere, his present deputy. Dated, Excise Office, 23 Jan. 1714.

Copies of warrants to Com^{rs} of Excise in favour of Robert Davers and George Bruere enclosed.

[? About Jan. 24.] 39. Petition of Thomas, Earl of Limerick, to the King. Was bred a soldier, and became Colonel of the Irish regiment in France, worth 5,000*l*. per ann. In 1676, by command of the King and Parliament, left that employment and was banished from France. In 1677 King Charles II. gave him a pension of 500*l.* per ann. for life, and made him a general officer in the army designed for Flanders, but the peace of Nimeguen ensuing, he was appointed Deputy Governor of Tangier. In 1682 was appointed Governor of New York, and continued there about six years. Brought the "five nations" of Indians to make peace with and submit to England. In 1687 the French Canadians, making war on these five nations, petitioner prevented their revolting to the French. In this war took 500 prisoners, forced the rest into their garrisons, &c., and they must have quitted Canada if petitioner had continued the war, but he was dismissed in 1688. In this expedition disbursed above 10,000*l.* of his own. In 1691 returned into England and found his elder brother William, then Earl of Limerick, attainted of treason for the late rebellion in Ireland, and the estate was soon after granted to the Earl of Athlone, who sold it to several purchasers. Was legally entitled to the estate after the death of his brother in 1698, but the settlement could not be found. In 1700 the Parliament passed an Act of resumption of all grants of Irish forfeitures, but the settlement could not be found till the time for sending in the claim was expired, by which he was excluded from making the claim. In Dec. 1700 he found the settlement, and Parliament gave him liberty to claim his estate, &c., but by the loss of the settlement, he lost above 20,000*l.* Has not received his pension since 1688, &c. Prays compensation.

Referred to the Lords of the Treasury. 24 January 1714.

Minuted:—"This petition to be referred to y^e^ Treasury." 1 *page*.

27 Jan. 40. A. Spotswood to the Lords [of the Treasury.] Encloses an address from the General Assembly of Virginia to his Majesty, and a copy of the letter which they presented to him, with his own answer to it. The revenue of 2*s.* per hhd., appropriated to the payment of the charges of Government, has fallen so low, that the charges have exceeded the income by 1,070*l.* 9*s.* 11½*d.* Encloses the account of that revenue, and prays that the present deficiency may be supplied out of the revenue of quit rents. States the reforms he had introduced into the method of paying and collecting the quit rents, and encloses his new scheme with regard to that matter. These new regulations had been approved of by the majority of the Council. Had received objections to them in writing from none but the Receiver-General. Encloses these objections, with his own answer to them. It is a difficult matter for a Governor, who has no other assistance than his own hearty inclinations, to struggle against the general bent of a whole country. Two officers here, the Bishop of London's Commissary and the Attorney-General, have been paid during the last two reigns by particular command of the Sovereign out of the quit rents; hopes he shall not do amiss in continuing these payments until he receives further directions. Dated Virginia, Jan. 27, 1714.

The enclosures referred to, with the exception of the Assembly's address, the copy of the letter presented to him, and his reply.

Minuted:—"The address delivered to Coll° Blakiston, 6 July 1714." 7 *pages.*

27 Jan. 41. Report of the Attorney-General (Northey), and Solicitor-General (Lechmere) to the Com^rs of the Treasury, upon the petition of Henry, Earl of Grantham. The late King William granted to Henry de Nassau, Seigneur d'Auverquerque, an annuity of 2,000*l.* for himself and his heirs for ever, to be paid out of the revenues of the Duchy of Cornwall. If, however, by reason of there being a Duke of Cornwall, or otherwise, the annuity could not be paid out of these revenues, it was to be charged upon the hereditary excise. The petitioner, who is heir to Henry de Nassau, Seigneur d'Auverquerque, prays that (as the present Prince of Wales is Duke of Cornwall), he may receive the annuity and all arrears thereof out of the hereditary excise. Are of opinion that the annuity should be so paid. Dated Jan. 27, 1714.

The petition referred to.

In the *Minute Book,* Vol. 20, p. 63, is "D^t warr^t to be drawn for the Earl of Grantham's pension of 3,000^l per ann., payable by the Rec^r of the Duchy of Cornwall, to be paid by the Com^rs of Excise according to y^e purport of his grant." 4 *pages.*

28 Jan. 42. Memorial of Lancelot Burton, Samuel Edwards, and John Grainger, receivers of 807,000*l.*, part of the Class Lottery, 1711, to the Com^rs of his Ma^ty's Exchequer. Have passed their accounts and obtained a "quietus est"; pray therefore that the bonds may be cancelled. Dated Exchequer, 28 Jan. 1714.

Minuted:—"Read 4^th Feb. 1714, ordered that the bond be đđ up accordingly." 1 *page.*

28 Jan. 43. Jn° Colesworth to the Com^rs of his Ma^tys Customs, "or whom else it may concern," on behalf of David Bell, who has been for some time a tide surveyor in the port of Newcastle, and who has been dismissed by the contrivance of the Collector, Deputy Collector, and other officers in that Custom House. Considers Bell the best officer there, and that he is calumniated by those whom he has made to suffer for defrauding Government. Dated 28 Jan. 1714.

At the foot is:—"N.B. Jn° Colesworth y^e oldest Justice in y^e county." 1 *page.*

29 Jan. 44. Lord Chamberlain (Shrewsbury) to the Com^rs of the Treasury. The King having ordered an allowance of 15*l.* per week to the Envoy from Tripoly, begs them to pay 105*l.* to Clement Cotterell, Master of the Ceremonies, for seven weeks' allowance to the Envoy, viz., from Dec. 1, 1714 to Jan. 19 following. Also requests payment of 73*l.* 8*s.* 10*d.* for the expenses of the Envoy and

his retinue from Plymouth to London, and for the charges of entering at the Custom House four horses which were presented to his Majesty. Dated Cockpit, 29 Jan., 1714–15. 1 *page.*

29 Jan. 45. Caleb Heathcote to ———. Has for fourteen or fifteen years considered a scheme to supply the navy with stores cheaper than from Denmark, Sweden, Russia, or any foreign Kingdom. Proposes that his Majesty shall detach 28 men out of each established company in this province, whose labour he is to have, and that he be allowed to draw for 100*l.* a month to erect saw mills, other buildings, &c. If upon trial, the scheme shall be approved, proposes that the hands shall be transported in the vessels he shall build for packet boats, &c., and the men shall come over to North America as soldiers and servants, to be discharged after four years' service. Lays down various rules for their treatment, &c. Dated New York, 29 Jan. 1714–15. 3½ *pages.*

29 Jan. 46. A paper signed:—"Dom. M^{a} Viceti," Secretary to the Republic of Genoa, in reply to a communication made to him on 11 November. Gives an account of all the circumstances in respect to Mess^{rs}. Corticelli and Como, London merchants, and their claims on one Luke Justiniano. Two Genoese vessels arrested had no connexion with these affairs. They were arrested because they were supposed to carry contraband goods. Dated London, 29 Jan. 1714–15. (*French.*)

Also the petition of Corticelli and Como, and three other enclosures. See also papers under date [About 26 Oct. 1714.] 12 *pages.*

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2 Feb. 1. Memorial of Sir Christopher Wren to the Lords of the Treasury. Has made full inquiry into the behaviour of M^{r} James Browne, Clerk of the Works at Windsor, and finds that the accusation against him of being insolent and disorderly (for which he was dismissed) is false and malicious. Prays that he may be reinstated. Dated Whitehall, Office of Works. 2 Feb. 1714.

Minuted:—" 8 Feb. 1714–15. Read."

Also a testimonial in his favour, with numerous signatures. 2 *large pages* (*one being parchment*).

4 Feb. 2. Report of the [Com^{rs}] for Duties on Hides to the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of Thomas Lloyd, Esq^{re}, late receiver of Chester, Denbigh, and Flint, for stay of process; advising against the same. Dated Office for Hides, &c. 4 Feb. 1714.

Minuted:—" Adhered to."

The petition 2½ *pages.*

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4 Feb. 3. Report of the same on the petition of Sir John Conway, Bart., one of the sureties of the above receiver, also for stay of process; advising against the same. Same date.

Minuted:—"Process not to be staid."

The petition. 2 *pages.*

5 Feb. 4. Thomas Worth, jun^{r}, Agent for tin, to John Anstis, Esq. M.P., at his house in Arundel S^{t}, London. Sends the totals of the quarter's tin coined at Penzance, and will be glad to have his thoughts of the farm, as the tinners are under uncertainty, and some threaten to take out their tin. Dated Penryn, 5 Feb. 1714. ½ *page.*

5 Feb. 5. Memorial of the Earl of Ilay to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the right to present "the office of Clerk to the Borough Roll of the Exchequer of Scotland," which had always been in the gift of the Clerk Register; praying for recall of the commission lately granted to M^{r} Dalrymple, it being contrary to the Earl's patent as Clerk Register of Scotland. Dated Feb. 5, 1714–15.

Minuted:—"8 Feb. $17\frac{14}{15}$. To Barons Excheq^{r} of Scotland to examine and report." 1 *page.*

[About 7 Feb.] 6. Petition of Henrietta Maria Stainhurst, widow, daughter and executrix of Captain Charles Gifford, to the Queen, praying for payment of the arrears of an annuity of 300*l.* per ann. granted by King Charles II. to her father for services rendered to him at the Battle of Worcester.

Also certificate of the amount due to Christmas 1701. Dated 7 Feb. 1714. 1½ *pages.*

8 Feb. 7. Com^{rs} for the care of the poor Palatines to the Lord Lieut. of Ireland (Sunderland). Detail the efforts that had been made to get the case of the Palatines considered. It is now before the Lords of the Treasury. Pray his Excellency, in order to prevent the ruin of so hopeful a Protestant settlement, to transmit their answer, there being the greatest necessity for it, as the spring is approaching, which is the only time for improving the farms of the Palatines. A great part of them are in a starving condition, and it is all they (the Com^{rs}) can do to keep them in the country till they receive his Majesty's answer. Dated Dublin, 8 Feb. 1714. 1½ *pages.*

[? About 9 Feb.] 8 and 9. Petition of Albertus Cruse, late belonging to H.M. ship of war, the "New Lyon," to the Lords of the Treasury. Complains of being much wronged in his wages by Captain, "Warpoole," late commander, and prays their Lordships' orders to the Com^{rs} at Chatham for speedy payment, &c.

Also an affidavit on the same subject. Dated 9 Feb. 1714. 3 *pages.*

10 Feb. 10. Letter signed by the initials of four persons to the Paymaster-General (Howe), praying him to obtain their pardon from his Majesty in having been the instruments made use of by Mon^{s}. Crispe, in his frauds on Chelsea College, and for payment of what was due to them from the College. Dated 10 Feb. 1714–15. (*French.*) 1½ *pages.*

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10 Feb. 11. Lord Townshend to the Lords of the Treasury, signifying the King's pleasure that some allowance should be made to James Carnaby, a prisoner in Newgate, who is in a distracted state. Whitehall, 10 Feb. 1714–15.

Minuted:—"22 Feb. $17\frac{14}{15}$. M^{r} Borrett to pay him 8 shillings per week from the time of this significacõn." 1 *page*.

11 Feb. 12. W^{m} Popple to John Taylor, Esq. His Majesty had on 13 Dec. 1714, appointed the R^{t} Hon. William, Lord Berkely of Stratton, Sir Jacob Asteley, Robert Molesworth, John Cokburne, Archibald Hucheson, John Chetwynd, Charles Cooke, and Paul Docminique, Esq^{res}, as Com^{rs} for Trade and Plantations. Asks him (M^{r} Taylor) to move the Lords of the Treasury that the usual privy seal might pass. Whitehall, 11 Feb. 1714–15.

Also an urgent letter from him, pressing for a year's salary due to him and the clerks at Christmas last. He says he is in a dismal condition for want of it. If he only had what was due up to the time of the Queen's death, it would do him more harm than good.

Minuted:—"A warr^{t} to be ꝑpared." $2\frac{1}{2}$ *pages*.

[? About 11 Feb.] 13. Petition of John Tasker, Thomas Buttery, and Thomas Bunce, for themselves and the rest of the under coal-meters of the City of London, to the Lords of the Treasury. Refer to a previous petition and unsatisfactory reports made thereon; pray to be heard by counsel, and to be allowed to prove by witnesses, or otherwise, the allegations made by them. 35 signatures.

Minuted:—"11th Feb. $17\frac{14}{5}$. Read, & my Lords leave this matter to be decided by law." 1 *large page*.

11 Feb. 14. *Docquet*:—"11th Feb^{ry} $17\frac{14}{5}$. From M^{r} Merryll, wth some papers proposing a discovery of great abuses in Chelsea Hospital."

Minuted:—"The matter having been laid this day before the King, his Ma^{ty} directs an advertisem^{t} promising protection and due encouragem^{t} to the persons proposing to discover in case they make out ye same."

The above are on the back of a covering letter from M^{r} Howe. 1 *page, quarto*.

11 Feb. 15. Report of the Com^{rs} for Duties on Hides to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of M^{r} Edmund Giles Hooper, solicitor for the Hide Office, setting forth his services, and praying to be allowed to proceed in his duties. Corroborating his statements. 11 Feb. 1714.

Minuted:—"22 Feb. $17\frac{14}{15}$. The place is disposed."

Two petitions, and a letter to M^{r} Lowndes. $6\frac{1}{2}$ *pages*.

14 Feb. 16. Petition of Thomas Hewett, Surveyor-General of H.M. Woods, to the Lords of the Treasury. Sets forth his various services from his appointment as Surveyor of Woods, Trent North, about 20 years since. All his predecessors had windfalls in Sherwood Forest. His salary with taxes and fees is 30*l.* per ann. Entreats their Lordships not to obstruct him in having these windfalls. Dated 14 Feb. 1714.

Minuted:—"Read Feb^{ry} 15th." 1 *page*.

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15 Feb. 17. Draft of surrender to the King, by Robert Earl of Oxford, of the office of Keeper of St James' Palace, with the following note at the foot:—"We approve of this draught. Edw. Northey, W. Lechmere." Feb. 15, 1714–15. 11 *pages.*

[? About 15 Feb.] 18. Memorial to the Lords of the Treasury of certain merchants who supplied money for furnishing the train of artillery, &c. in the Canada expedition, for which they received bills of exchange; praying that the bills may be paid, the merchants having been nearly four years out of their money. Seven signatures.

Minuted;—"Febry 15th 1714. Look out the reports from the 3 offices, vizt, ordnance, victualling, and transport." 2 *pages.*

[? About 16 Feb.] 19. "A state of Mr Molesworth's demands." A paper thus headed in respect to the claims of John [? Robert] Molesworth, Esq., appointed as her late Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary to the Great Duke of Tuscany and Republic of Genoa. He was to receive 5*l.* a day, and the claim was for 750*l.*

Minuted:—"16 Feb. 1714–15. My Lords cannot pay the 750*l.* he demands as due on his pay before he left England." *Again:*—"28th June 1715. A wart to be drawne for this 750li, to be paid out of the Queen's arreares."

Another paper urging various reasons why he should receive his pay from the day he kissed her Majesty's hand. Mr Harley promised that his detention in England should not be prejudicial to him. He resided near four years in Florence without receiving one farthing of his salary or extraordinaries.

Another memorandum as to what was due to him. 5 *pages.*

[? About 16 Feb.] 20. Petition of Elizabeth Preston, widow, in behalf of Sir Thomas Lowther, Bart., an infant, to the Lords of the Treasury. Was lessee under the Crown for 13 years of the site of the Monastery of Furness, and had lately had a long and expensive suit in the Exchequer in connexion with the same. The estate ought to have descended to her husband, but the entail was cut off for his adherence to the Protestant religion, and it was forfeited to the Crown by being given to superstitious uses. Asks for the grant of a lease for 31 years, in accordance with the reports annexed.

Copy of her petition to the late Queen, the report of the Attorney-General, and the report of Alex. Pendarves.

Minuted:—"16 Feb. 1714. My Lords will pass ye lease." 5¼ *pages.*

[? About 16 Feb.] 21. Petition of Michael Baker, gent., and Michael Baker, his son, to the Lords of the Treasury. The office of Marshal of the Marshalsea of the Court of Exchequer has been successively granted to the father and other members of the family from the reign of King Charles II.; pray for a renewal of the grant.

Minuted:—"16 Feby 1714. Renew ye patent."

Also a certificate in their favour. 1½ *pages.*

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16 Feb. 22. Petition of Mary Hill to the Lords of the Treasury. Is widow of Nicholas Hill, late one of her Majesty's messengers, who had about 1,000*l.* due to him from King William, whom he served all the time of his reign. Lord Oxford often promised payment, but nothing was performed, so that it broke the heart of her husband. Prays payment.

Minuted:—"16 Feb^{y} 1714. There is no m^{o} in y^{e} Excheq^{r} of K. W^{ms} arrears." 1 *page.*

[? About 16 Feb.] 23. Memorial of John Netmaker, Commissary on the expedition to Canada, to the Lords of the Treasury, praying that Col. Samuel Vetch may be charged with the sum, for which he stands indebted to the Government for stores.

Also copies of a writ and schedule on the same subject.

Minuted:—"16 Feb^{ry} 1714–15. Gen^{ll} Nichollson and Netmaker to attend on Friday, and Netmaker to lay his acc^{t} of the whole cargo of stores before my lord.

Write to y^{e} Compt^{r} for an acc^{t} of w^{t} has appeared to them relating to that clothing." 5 *pages.*

18 Feb. 24. Board of Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury. 53,000*l.* is most absolutely necessary for the immediate service of the office, besides the arrears due to the trains at Gibraltar, Port Mahon, Annapolis, Placentia, &c., amounting to 5,000*l.* and upwards. For the public service they have made use of the stores in the magazines and deferred replenishing the same, until the money given by Parliament is paid to the office, the arrears of which amount to 265,627*l.* 19*s.* $7\frac{1}{4}$*d.* The subsistence of the trains abroad amounts to 650*l.* per month, and they have not 1,000*l.* in cash. Pray for money to be ordered. 18 Feb. 1714–15.

Minuted:—"Read Feb^{ry} 22nd 1714. See what can be paid to them out of the last year's funds."

Also two accounts. 4 *pages.*

18 Feb. 25. Report of the Com^{rs} for Duties upon Hides to the Lords of the Treasury, on the report of the Attorney and Solicitor General, relating to the off-reckonings of General Lumley's regiment of horse. Office for Hides, &c, 18 Feb. 1714.

Minuted:—"Respit to be taken off."

The report referred to, a petition, and an affidavit. $7\frac{1}{2}$ *pages.*

21 Feb. 26. Comm^{rs} of Revenue, Ireland, to the Lords [of the Treasury]. Relating to ships and goods, more particularly wool, seized.

P.S.—Have received an account of a ship seized near Waterford, with 7,000 pounds weight of combed wool, and several other seizures. Custom House, Dublin, 21 Feb. 1714.

Enclosed is a letter from Richard Nuttall, detailing the legal proceedings connected with seizures of wool taken by order of the Commissioners. $2\frac{1}{2}$ *pages.*

23 Feb. 27. Order in Council to the Lords of the Treasury, to report on a memorial from the Lieut.-General and principal officers of the Ordnance, as to the lands vested in trustees for the better fortifying Portsmouth, Chatham, and Harwich. Dated 23 Feb. 1714.

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Minuted:—"7th March 1714–15. My Lords approve that a reparacōn be made for the wast com̄itted by the proprietors of the lands vested in Trustees for y^{e} fortifications at Portsmouth, in the manner proposed by the Board of Ordnance, and direct the Surveyo^{r} Gen^{ll} to view the lands and hereditam^{ts}, and report a true state and condition with the nature and yearly value of y^{e} premisses respectively, and to make surveys thereof accordingly. A warr^{t} signed to y^{e} surv^{r}."

Report of the officers of Ordnance as to the waste, &c., and extract from the Minute Book of the Trustees on the same subject. 4½ *pages.*

23 Feb. 28. "An account of the money, tallies, &c. remaining in the late and present Treasurers of the Navy's hands on the 31st of December 1714 (over and above the assignments on them from the Navy Board), and may be reckoned towards satisfying the debt of the Navy, in case it shall be all applied to the service thereof." 1 *page.*

23 Feb. 29. Report of Thomas Hewett to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of the Earl of Godolphin, Ranger of the Little Park, at Windsor, on the state of the repairs of Windsor House Park. By letting a piece of waste land, lying between the park wall and river, worth about 10*l.* per ann., the fences might be repaired without charge to the Crown. In this park there are no oak timber trees, nor any other but for ornament, and these he finds are cut for browse for the deer, which ought not to be practised anywhere, since hay is much better. Has broken that ill custom elsewhere, and the deer do very well. It would be a great charge to make up the pallisadoes at the end of two walks towards the river. The people cut the staves for the hares to get out and dogs to get in. It would be more beautiful and secure to wall up the gaps and place handsome seats against the wall. It would save money at present and prevent future charge. The fences of the new walk leading to the Great Park, above two miles long, lately repaired at great expense, where hay is got for the deer, are near the town and in great danger of being pulled to pieces by thieves. Thinks he can prevent it by having a man to look after it for 5*l.* per ann. Gives estimate of repairs. Feb. 22, 1714.

Minuted:—"The old materials to be sold, and to take care y^{t} no browse be cut down, and to bring an estimate of y^{e} charge of w^{t} y^{e} other work he proposes to do will amount to."

The memorial referred to. 3 *pages.*

24 Feb. 30. Report of Henry Lee of the parish of Aldgate, Middlesex, Esq., to the Lords of the Treasury, in respect to the account of M^{r} Gyde, deceased, late agent and undertaker for sick and wounded seamen at Jamaica; a dispute having arisen, as to whether Madeira wine should be allowed on his contingent charge or not. 24 Feb. 1714.

Three other papers enclosed. 9 *pages.*

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24 Feb. 31. Copy of report of the Com^{rs} for Trade, &c. to the King, on the petition of Elizabeth Salenave, widow, relating to a plantation in that part of the Island of St. Christopher which was lately subject to the French. Petitioner had, in 1690, been restored to her estate, when the Island was conquered by the English; but on the Treaty of Ryswick was, as a Protestant, obliged to abandon it. Advise the extension of the Royal favour to her. Dated Whitehall, 24 Feb. 1714–15.

Also duplicate of the same and notices of three other documents relating to the same subject. [These are copies probably made a good deal later.] 7¼ *pages.*

26 Feb. 32. "The Comptrollers (Medowes and Bruce's) report of all their proceedings upon the stores sent under the care of M^{r} Nettmaker, wth the expedition to Canada." 26 February 1714–15.

"R. 28 Feb. 1714–15." 8 *pages.*

28 Feb. 33. The same "Controllers' report upon the off-reckonings of Lieu^{t}-General Harvey's regiment." 28 Feb. 1714–15.

Three enclosures. 4 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

28 Feb. 34. Report of the Com^{rs} for disbanding the marines (Nicholas Roope and Thomas Layton) to the Lords of the Treasury, upon the petition of the clothiers, viz., as to what proofs they had that the soldiers received their clothes. Scotland Yard, 28 Feb. 1714–15.

Minuted:—"9 Mar. 1714–15. Must attend till the acc^{ts} adjusted." 1 *page.*

28 Feb. 35. Report of Thomas Hewett, Surveyor-General, about moneys due to the officers of Windsor Forest for salaries and allowances. 28 Feb. 1714.

Encloses petition of the rangers, &c. 2 *pages.*

Feb. 36. "Funds for Exchequer Bills. ! Charges thereon at Christmas, 1714, and a proposition for 800,000*l.* more." A paper thus docquetted, apparently drawn up in February 1714–15. 3 *pages.*

[? About Feb.] 37. *Balance sheet docquetted:*—"Acco^{t} of sales of S.S. Stock for Genouese loan." 2 *pages.*

1 March. 38. "M^{r} Hewett's report, wth M^{r} Marshall's peticõn, & M^{r} Wilcox report annex'd, about building 2 new stables & repairs in Hampton Court house park, with an estimate of necessary repairs, &c." March 1, 1714.

Minuted:—"10th April 1714. Agreed.—W^{t} signed."

Also the papers referred to. 3 *pages.*

1 March. 39. Report of the Earl of Carnarvon to the Lords [of the Treasury], on the petition of Don Joseph Cortizos, as to his claims for provisions and other credit, with which he supplied the Portuguese army, in their retreat from Madrid, in the year 1706; advises that his debt or part of it, should be paid out of the subsidy due to the

King of Portugal, when it is provided for by Parliament. Whitehall, March 1, 1714–15.

Minuted:—"Ref. to ye Commrs for stating ye debts of ye army." 2 *pages*.

2 March. 40. Copy of petition of Francis Manning, Esq., to the Lords of the Treasury. Was employed as H.M. Secretary to the Grisons from July 1709 to Sept. 1711, and was then recalled, having received 10 wounds from French assassins. Being ordered home, he could not return for want of money to pay his debts, and the Treasury did not remit any. When at last he returned, the Lord Treasurer ordered only 1,200*l*. in lieu of 2,455*l*. Prays payment of the remainder. 2 March 1714–15.

Minuted:—"Mr Manning's papers to be brought in to-morrow." 3 *pages*.

4 March. 41. Fiat to the Clerk of the Pipe for appointing Henry Stevens, Esq., Serjeant-at-Law, as steward of his Majesty's honor and manor of Ewelm, in the counties of Oxford and Berks, &c., with the fee of 2*l*. 13*s*. 4*d*. per ann. Dated 4 March 1714. 2 *pages*.

[? About 4 March.] 42. Memorial of Charles Forman, Agent to the Garrison and Four Independent Companies of Foot at Placentia, in Newfoundland, to the Lords of the Treasury, pressing for provisions to be sent.

Minuted:—"4 March 1714. Qur what is desired by this." 1 *page*.

5 March. 43. A warrant from Lord Shrewsbury to the Treasurer of the Chamber to pay 200*l*. for a year's rent of a house, &c. for the Comrs appointed to settle the commerce between England and France. Dated 5 March 1714. 1 *page*.

7 March. 44. Report to Mr Lowndes of William Blathwaite, Esq., Auditor-General of his Majesty's Plantations in America, on the petition of Arthur Slingsby, Esq., late Attorney-General of Barbadoes, for money due to him for prosecution of criminals, &c. Has sent to his deputy to make inquiries, &c. Whitehall, 7 March 1714.

Minuted:—"6 Augt 1717. To write to Mr Blathwt to know if ye answer (he mencõns in his rept) is yet returned to him by his Depty in Barbadoes, & if it is, that he transmitts ye same to their Lopps."

The report is written on the back of the petition. 2 *pages*.

7 March. 45. Petition to the Lords of the Treasury from several merchants concerned in tobacco burnt and destroyed by the late fire in Thames Street; praying an inquiry to be ordered by the Comrs of Customs, and that they might have relief as the duties had been paid. Dated 7 Mar. 1714.

Minuted:—15th March 1714. My Lords will speak with the Commrs of the Customes upon this peticõn at their next attendance."

Also:—"Their case."

Minuted:—"Not proper of this board." 2 *pages*.

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8 March. 46. The Bailiff and Magistrates of Dunkirk to ——— praying payment for furniture, firing, &c. supplied to the troops of the garrison in the citadel, Fort Louis, and Risban. Mr Daniel Arthur is sent with authority to receive payment. The statement sent contains only the expenses to the end of October 1713, but since then they have been continued. Dated 8 March 1714. 3 *pages.*

Also three accounts of the particulars of the supplies to the citadel, &c., and to the hospital. (*All French.*) 17 *pages.*

8 March. 47. Robert Pringle to Mr Popple. Encloses, by Mr Secretary Stanhope's orders, for the use of the Comrs of Trade, a paper relating to the better disposal of the French part of the Island of St. Christopher. Whitehall, 8 March 1714–15.

The paper referred to. It proposes the parcelling out of the lands adjoining to the sea in very small plantations, with conditions in these grants to prevent the uniting them into greater plantations, and the setting apart of some of them for the use of the chief governor of the Leeward Islands and the lieut.-governor of St. Christopher's, for glebes for the several parishes, and for a free school. 5 *pages.*

8 March. 48. Report of the Comrs for Duties on Hides, &c. to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of James Taylor, Esq., Receiver-General of her late Majesty's Palaces of Whitehall and St. James's. The petitioner has paid into the Receipt of the Exchequer all the money collected for above six years, yet he and his securities have bonds standing out to the crown, amounting to 90,000*l.* Dated 8 March 1714.

The petition and the opinion of Henry Stevens on the question how far the Comrs of the Treasury can indulge the petitioner with relation to his security, bonds, &c. 5 *pages.*

8 March. 49. Board of Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury. Sending a memorial by the Governor of Dartmouth, representing the condition of that castle and the blockhouses there, which the town, by contract, was obliged to keep in repair in consideration of 40*l.* yearly paid by the Treasury. The office has nothing to do with the castle, except in supplying it with powder and ordnance stores. Office of Ordnance, 8th March 1714.

The petition referred to, which gives an inventory of the guns, at the end of which is this memorandum:—"There is part of an iron chain that was formerly made to reach over the harbour from Dartmouth to Kingsweare Castle, about 4 tunn weight whereof was by direction or connivance of one Sparke, late mayor, and Mr Newman, alderman of Dartmouth, put into the custody of Joseph Martin an anchor smith."

Also copy of a letter on the subject of the petition. 2½ *pages.*

9 March. 50. John Lansdell, on behalf of the Board of Ordnance, to the Lords of the Treasury, praying for a minute to be made for borrowing 7,000*l.* of the bank on tallies in the Treasurer's hands and for an order for 12,000*l.* out of the money for South Sea Subscription for payment of the lands purchased at Portsmouth and Harwich. 9 March 1714–15.

Minuted:—"Ordered. Lrẽ written accordingly." 1 *page.*

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9 March. 51. A state of the supplies for the year, made up to the 9th March 1714–15. 1 *large page.*

9 March. 52. Report of the officers of the Mint on the petition of Mr Richard Barrow, deputed to prosecute clippers, coiners, and utterers of false money, praying payment for his services; advising the payment, and that he should continue to act in prosecuting Sarah Harris and other offenders. Mint Office, 9 March 1714–15.

The petition. 2 *pages.*

[After 9 March.] 53. A schedule of sums issued to the Cofferer of the Household since the King's accession to the Crown.

Amongst the items are two for provisions for the yachts to receive his Majesty and retinue, and for bringing over her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales. 1 *page.*

11 March. 54. Report of R. Powys to the Lords of the Treasury, on the demand in the memorial of William Chetwynd, Esq. (who was her late Majesty's envoy at Genoa) praying payment of 658*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.* by him expended. The sums expended were principally for postage of letters. The Earl of Dartmouth certified that most of the articles were reasonable. 11 March 1714–15.

Minuted:—"20th July 1716. To be paid out of the Queen's arrears."

A schedule of the articles and the memorial. 4 *pages.*

12 March. 55. Report of the Barons of the Exchequer of North Britain to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of the Duke of Douglas. The allegations as to the honours, antiquity, and dignity of his family are true. King Charles II. signified to the Lords of the Treasury of Scotland his concern for the welfare and education of [Archibald] Lord Angus, eldest brother to his Grace, and his intention to relieve the family of Douglas, by directing them to call for the Marquis of Douglas, the father of Lord Angus, and to take an account of the condition of his estate; and further the King recommended to the Treasury in Scotland to pay yearly 200*l.* for the education of Lord Angus. King James the VIIth also directed the payment of 200*l.* per ann. to him (Lord Angus). Her late Majesty also granted a yearly pension of 400*l.* to his Grace out of the lordship and lands of Dunbar. The Barons advise the continuance of the same marks of favour. Edinburgh, 12 March 1714–15.

Minuted:—"To be considered another time."

The memorial, which states:—"That his predecessors have for many ages had distinguishing marks of Royal favour conferred on them, as rewards of their loyal and dutiful support of the Crown; such as titles of honour, and considerable heritable offices, the first seat and vote in all parliaments and conventions of the states in Scotland, the leading of the van of the army in time of war, and the carrying of the crown at the opening of parliaments, and other public processions; which privileges and offices are hereditably conveyed to the said Duke by his charters, but are now rendered useless by the union of the two kingdoms.

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"That the said Duke's ancestors have often allyed with the royal families of Scotland and England, particularly in the year 1514, Archibald, Earl of Angus, married Margaret, Queen of Scots, daughter to King Henry the Seventh of England, and by her had issue the Lady Margaret Douglas, who was married to Mathew, Earl of Lenox, by whom she had Henry Stewart, Lord Darnley, father to King James the Sixth, and lately in the year 1639, King Charles the First was party contractor, as parent for the Lady Anne Stewart, daughter to Louis, Duke of Lenox, his cousin, in the marriage articles between Archibald, Earl of Angus, and the said Lady Anne Stewart, grandfather and grandmother to the present Duke of Douglas." 4 *pages.*

12 March. 56. Representation of the Barons of the Exchequer of Scotland to the Lords of the Treasury in respect to "a short scheme of proposals made by the Lord Glenorchy and Mr Alexander Fraser for a tack and collection of the property, lands, and other revenues of the bishopric of Caithness." Generally approving of the scheme of Mr Fraser. Edinburgh, 12 March 1714–15.

Minuted:—"13 September 1715. To speak with Baron Scroop about this."

The scheme referred to. 3 *pages.*

12 March. 57. Report of the Barons of the Exchequer of Scotland to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of the Duchess of Hamilton, heritable keeper of his Majesty's Palace of Holyrood House, in respect to the repairs necessary there. On calling the workmen together, they insisted on having half the sum required advanced to buy materials. Whatever is ordered they can get no workmen to carry on the same, unless empowered to advance money. Edinburgh, 12 March, 1714–15.

Minuted:—"13th September 1715. Read."

The petition named. 3 *pages.*

14 March. 58. The Lord Chief Baron Smith to the Hon. John Taylour, Esq. Mr. James Erskine of Grange has waived his applications for the new gift, formerly by him desired, and has passed his signature for the lands therein mentioned, in common form. He (the Lord Chief Baron) and his brothers are in doubt as to what their Lordships desire in respect to the rules for passing signatures in Scotland. So many errors and mistakes have been made in the Customs' accounts in relation to distributions and remittances upon the several heads of duty, that it has been necessary to put the accounts into a new form. If Mr Crookshanks had attended to his duties, most of the errors would have been avoided. Several claims have been made which are not warranted to be paid by the establishment, also other claims for salaries due at Whitsuntide, 1707. The report finishes:—"We have done what we could towards setling everything here, and I am now setting my face towards Leicestershire, and I believe my Brother Scrope will be pretty soon with you at London, where I think he may be useful in what concerns the service here." Edinburgh, 14th March 1714–15.

Also four enclosures touching the same subjects. 8½ *pages.*

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14 March. 59. Report of Mr Christopher Tilson to the Lords [of the Treasury], in relation to the purchase from the Rt Hon. the Earl of Uxbridge, of his mills called Longford Mills in the co. of Middlesex, together with the river and streams of water belonging thereto, with the intent that his Majesty, having the command of that stream, may always be supplied with sufficient water for his parks and gardens at Hampton Court. The Earl proposes to sell the same for 1,300*l.* (clear of charges) the right of fishing which belongs to the customary tenants excepted; and this is not unreasonable; especially since it is proposed that his Majesty shall have the command of the point, about half a mile above the mills that divides the main water that supplies this stream of the one side, and the stream that runs to Thistleworth of the other side. Advises the purchase to be made. 14 March 1714–15.

Minuted :—"Agreed."

Also :—(1) A corrected draft of the same; (2) another corrected draft of portion thereof, with additional notes and a covering letter on the back from Mr Tilson to Peter Walter, Esq., who was the Earl of Uxbridge's agent; (3) memorial of the Earl, asking what he should do as to leasing the mills, with long minute on the back touching the value of the property; and (4) copies of three other papers in the year 1713 on the same subject (one of them being the report of the officers of works). 8 *pages.*

14 March. 60. A collection of letters, reports, petitions, and other documents corroborating the same in relation to the claims of Dr. Henry Newton, Envoy to the Grand Duke of Tuscany and to the Republic of Genoa. He claimed 2,602*l.* 1*s.* exceeding the regulation. Mr R. Powys' report states, that Dr. Newton was allowed 5*l.* a day, and that he was the first that was allowed that sum for his ordinary entertainment. In the Doctor's letters and petitions he says that he was put to great expence by public mournings for the late Emperor Leopold and Catharine, Queen Dowager of England. Further, he had to follow the Grand Duke to Pisa and Leghorn, for about three months every year, and was at the charge of buying a house and furniture; the states he was sent to, viz., Florence and Genoa, being far removed one from the other. The same equipage would not serve at Genoa as at Florence, from the very nature of the place, since chairs were used at the former, and not coaches.

One of the memorials has the following minutes on it :—"16th Feb. 1714–5. My Lords cannot exceed the regulacõn."—"15th March 1714–5. My Lords cannot alter their former resolution."

The last letter appears to be dated 14 March 1714–15. In this he says he shall be a loser of nearly 3,000*l.* for having served the public.

In one of the letters, viz., that for 9 April 1714, it is stated that Sir Lambert Blackwell had only 1000*l.* per ann. allowance for being Envoy at Florence, but he was actually at the place, and was at the same time Consul at Leghorn, and Agent of Prizes, and had the care and profit of victualling the men-of-war in the port, and thereby raised a very considerable estate. 33 *pages or parts of pages.*

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VOL. CLXXXIX. 1715. 15 MARCH—APRIL.

15 March. 1. Representation of the Com^rs of Customs at Edinburgh to the Lords of the Treasury. Are obliged to acquaint their Lordships as to the places where the officers of the Customs have lately been abused. Mobs in the several ports in this country (where military force is wanting) have become so frequent and terrible to the officers of Customs that they are afraid to do their duty. At ports Irwin and Ayr, within 10 days, the officers were so overawed by the mob that they were afraid to be seen at the keys of their ports; and though the collector of the former is son to the Earl of Glasgow, who has a considerable interest in that part of the country, yet the rabble became so insolent as to threaten his life. This would not have happened if there were military force. The like want was felt at Kirkcaldy and Preston Pans, and the two members Alloa and Anstruther. One regiment from Innerlochy [? Inverlochy] would be enough. Even in Edinburgh the officers are beaten from their seizures to the hazard of their lives. The town guards are ever backward in giving the Customs' officers assistance, and rather hinder than forward them in making good their seizures. The magistrates will not permit any of the soldiers quartered in the suburbs to come into the town to conduct a seizure (when made) to the King's warehouse at Leith. Ask for orders to be given to the General to place proper guards about the city. Custom House, Edinburgh, 15 March 1714–15. 2 *pages.*

15 March. 2. J. Burchett to the Secretary of the Lords of the Treasury, as to the stowage of the tin to be sent to the Straits. Admiralty Office, 15 March 1714–15. 1 *page.*

15 March. 3. Copy of a warrant relating to lands purchased for the better fortifying of Portsmouth, Chatham, and Harwich. 15 March 1714–15.

On the back is the following memorandum:—"Sums issued towards purchasing the said lands, viz., 19 Jan^ry 1714, 12,000^li; 10 March, 12,000^li; 27 Aug^t 1715, 18,000." 1½ *pages.*

16 March. 4. James Stanhope to the Lords of the Treasury. By the King's directions transmits the case and petition of M^r John Arnold, who in 1698 was employed by the Secretary of State in some secret affairs for King William III. at Calais, and on a letter of his being intercepted was imprisoned there, and afterwards in the Bastille, in Paris, for 13 years and four months. His wife and family were allowed 5*l.* a month, and 100*l.* a year was afterwards allowed till the death of his wife and eldest daughter. Asks them to report their opinion on the case. Whitehall, 16 March 1714–15.

The enclosures referred to. 3 *pages.*

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17 March. 5. Report of William Blathwayt to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Micajah and Richard Perry, in behalf of William Byrd, praying that the said Byrd may have his warrant renewed as Receiver-General of his Majesty's revenue in Virginia. The petitioners were securities for him before, and are willing to become so again. Thinks Byrd is a fit person to be continued in the office, and that the petitioners are sufficient securities. Whitehall, 17 March 1714.

Minuted:—"12 July 1715. To Mr Blathwayt to certify the nature of the office, with an estimate of the yearly amt of the revenues, and how far the petr has past his accots, & what ballance is remaining in his hands, &c."

The petition, with the report on the back. 2 *pages.*

18 March. 6. Mr Secretary Stanhope to the Lords of the Treasury. Encloses memorial from Mr Paterson, which had been laid before the King, who desires their Lordships to report what is proper to be done on it. Whitehall, 18 March 1714–15.

Minuted:—"4th June 1715. Read."

The memorial states that he has made considerable progress with a scheme in relation to the taxes, impositions, and revenues, with the anticipations and debts charged and contracted thereon during the last 26 years, amounting to fifty millions. The great expense he has been at during that time, and the non-payment of a considerable sum of the equivalent money detained from him by a violent party, disables him from completing the design. Hopes to be useful in things relating to his Majesty's revenues and estates in Germany. Five or six hundred pounds present supply will enable him to go forward with this great work till further provision can be made. 2 *pages.*

19 March. 7. Copy of a report of the Comrs of Customs, Dublin, to the Lords of the Treasury, with two papers enclosed. (1) A general state of the revenues and duties arising to the Crown in his Majesty's kingdom of Ireland in seven years and three months, from Christmas 1706 to Lady-day 1714, &c.; (2) an estimate of the produce of his Majesty's revenues in Ireland, now in being, and of the charges of managing the same for one year, from Lady-day 1714 to Lady-day 1715.

The Comrs observe that the arrears on the general state have been gathering since the commencement of the management in 1682, and have been greatly increased by the calamities to which this kingdom was exposed by the war that ensued upon the rebellion of the Irish in the year 1688. Custom House, Dublin, 19 March 1714. 5 *large pages.*

21 March. 8. Bill of extraordinaries of James Scott, her Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary to the King of Poland. Whitehall, 21 March 1714–15. At the foot is a note that it is allowed.

Signed: "Townshend." 1 *page, quarto.*

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22 March. 9. Com^{rs} of Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Benjamin Edmonds, late of London, merchant, in relation to a Bill of Exchange of 2,260*l.* 19*s.* 10*d.*, drawn by Sir Hovenden Walker on their Board, for stores bought in New England for the supply of the fleet under his command, on the expedition to Canada. General Nicholson's report on the subject had been transmitted to the Auditors' Office, but the Com^{rs} did not know what was fit to be done. The Com^{rs} advise payment of 350*l.* 5*s.* 6*d.* for works at the Castle of Edinburgh, as that sum was not included in the 2,500*l.* for works done upon the late Queen's demise. Office of Ordnance, 22 March 1714. 2 *pages.*

23 March. 10. Report of William Pulteney to the Lords of the Treasury of the debt due to the magistrates of Dunkirk for bedding, firing, &c. of the troops there. Whitehall, 23 March 1714. 3 *pages.*

23 March. 11. John Copping to the [Secretary of the Treasury]. Sends his proposals for raising 1,800,000*l.* by way of lottery for the year 1715. Intended to wait upon him personally, but was unfortunately laid in gaol for a small debt under 5*l.*, which he had not the wherewith to pay. Hopes his case will be included in the Act to Relieve Insolvent Debtors, &c. London, March 23, 1714–15. 2 *pages.*

[? About 23 March.] 12. Petition to the King of Sir Andrew Kennedy, "Conservator" of the privileges of the Scottish nation in the Netherlands. Thanks his Majesty for renewing his commission according to the report of Sir Edward Northey, his Majesty's Attorney-General. Received 100*l.* a year salary from King William, to which the King added another 100*l.* The last 100*l.* is in arrear since that King's death. Is in deplorable circumstances through his life-rent office being taken from him. Is 75 years of age, with a wife and eight children, and is wholly exhausted by a long law suit, which was carried to the House of Lords, concerning his life-rent office. Prays payment of his arrears.

Referred to the Lords of the Treasury on 23 March 1714–15.

Minuted:—"100^{li} p an. pension from Lady-day 1715, during his Ma^{ts} pleasure, to be pd. in Scotland. Warr^{t} signed."

The report of Sir Edward Northey on his case, and his petition, praying his Majesty to grant a new posterior commission to him and his son in respect of the diminution of the perquisites of his office by the prohibition of wool, skins, &c. since the Union, and for 200*l.* per annum for the time past and to come.

In the report the Attorney-General says:—"I am of opinion that in regard of the union of the two kingdoms, such grant can only be of the office of conservator of the privileges of the royal burroughs of Scotland at Campvere, and other places in Zealand, or elsewhere in the United Provinces, and agent and consul there for them; omitting the title of your Mãties Resident for that kingdom," &c. 6 *pages.*

24 March. 13. Presentment by the Com^{rs} for Salt to the Lords of the Treasury, as to some officers necessary to be appointed, and for the

removal of the restraint laid on them from appointing officers where there is occasion. Salt Office, 24 March 1714.

Minuted:—"Read 15th June 1715. My Lords do not thinke fit to take off this restraint, but to direct that where any new officers are necessary, the Comrs do make a p̃ntmt thereof, and obtain a warrt before they bring any new, or addll charge upon the Governmt." *Again*:—"Lr̃e written 22 June 1715." 1 *page.*

24 March. 14. "The Comptrollers [of Army Accounts'] report upon Mr Brydges' memorial about the off-reckonings of the regiments taken prisoners at Brihuega." Comptroller's Office, Privy Garden, 24th March 1714–15.

The memorial and divers other papers relating thereto.

Minuted:—"27th June 1715. Read. There is no money to answer this demand, and my Lords can give no direccõns till the Act shall pass for examining & determining the debts of the army." 24 *pages.*

24 March. 15. Petition of Harriet Ramondon, daughter and sole executrix of Dr Thomas Lawrence, to the Lords of the Treasury, praying that she may receive her father's salary as principal physician to her late Majesty, from the 1st of Aug. to the day of her father's decease, which she is informed Sir John Shadwell (who was but the fourth physician) has received. She had received her father's salary as Physician-General of the Forces.

Minuted:—"24th March 17[14]-15."

Enclosed is:—"The state of Sr John Shadwell's case in answer to Mrs Ramonden's petition." He says that Dr Lawrence died within a week after his Majesty's arrival in England. The Act upon which the executrix grounds her claim was intended to keep the great engines of Government in motion 'til his Majesty should happily arrive and assume the exercise of it himself, & not to burden his Majesty with unnecessary salaries to any, whose being or actual services were not essential to the Government. 2 *pages.*

25 March. 16. Representation of the Comrs for granting wine licences to the Lords of the Treasury. Send a draft of the establishment of the office, with an account of the duty of each particular officer; also an account of the produce of the office. Ask to be furnished with a list of the free vintners of London, and for power to be restored to them over their own officers. Have discovered that several very considerable retailers who pretend to be free vintners have sold wine without being returned by their messengers.

Also the two papers named. 3½ *pages.*

[?Same date.] 17. Another list of the same officers employed, and their salaries. Undated. ½ *page.*

25 March. 18. A valuation of the Civil List funds existing at Lady-day 1715. 9 *pages.*

25 March. 19. Memorial of Lord Westmoreland to the Earl of Halifax, praying the intercession of his Lordship with his Majesty to order the prosecution against him to be discharged, for cutting timber belong-

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ing to the Crown in the forest of Rockingham. The timber is all unfit for her Majesty's docks, and he claims the right under a patent granted by Queen Elizabeth to Sir Anthony Mildmay, Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Minuted:—"25 March 1715. Send this to Surv^{r} Woods to report a state, with his opinion." 2½ *pages*.

25 March. 20. Memorial from James Murray and Sir Joseph Martin, Com^{rs} appointed by Queen Anne to treat with those of France for settling commerce between the two kingdoms. Pray that the order made on 10 July 1714 for 150*l.* for paying their clerks may be discharged. Also ask for an additional 50*l.* for a clerk, &c. retained for the contingencies of the office, after the dismissal of the rest. They have had no allowance for themselves and their secretary. London, 25 March 1715. 2 *pages*.

26 March. 21. The Attorney-General (Northey) to ——. Desires that the warrant for passing a grant under the great seal to the executors of D^{r} Ratcliffe of the estate of M^{r} Carlton, in Surrey, may be presented to the Lords of the Treasury. The doctor deposited the purchase money with the Cashier of Customs above a year since. March 26, 1715.

Minuted:—"Read 28 March 1715. My Lords have directed the Com^{rs} of the Customs to put up this estate to y^{e} best bidder." 1 *page*.

26 March. 22. Report of William Pulteney to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of the officers of the regiments in the Island of Minorca, as to the pay of the officers' servants. Is of opinion that the officers serving in Minorca and Gibraltar may have the pay of their servants added to their personal pay, &c. Whitehall, 26 March 1715.

Minuted:—"13th Sep^{r} 1715. My Lords will issue the money for y^{e} officers' servants, accord^{g} to the direccõns of the Act of Parlt."

The memorial, copy of warrant and certificate relating to the same business. 7 *pages*.

26 March. 23. Report of the Com^{rs} for Duties on Hides, &c. to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of M^{r} John Marlow, respecting frauds in connexion with leather duty. Office for Hides, &c. 26 March 1715.

Minuted:—"Read."

The petition, and two other papers on the same subject. 6 *pages*.

28 March. 24. Report of Edward Wilcox to the Lords of the Treasury, enclosing a schedule of the books, papers, &c. delivered to Thomas Hewett, Esq., Surveyor-General of his Majesty's Woods. Very few of them were delivered to him (M^{r} Wilcox) by his predecessor, and he has not collected the rest without considerable expense, for which he has neither had nor claimed any allowance. 28 March 1715.

Minuted:—"28 March 1715. My Lords can do nothing in this." 1 *page, and the schedule on parchment in a state of great decay.*

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29 March. 25. Order in Council referring a report from the Principal Officers of the Ordnance touching a supply of bedding for the four independent companies at New York, and the charge thereof, to the Lords of the Treasury. 29 March 1715.

The report referred to. 2 *pages.*

30 March. 26. Report of the Com^{rs} for licensing hawkers, pedlers, and petty chapmen to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Hodgson and two other sureties for Thomas Wells, late a riding surveyor for the duties arising by licences granted to hawkers and pedlers, viz.:—as to his claims for salary, &c. The latter had been guilty of misdemeanours and irregular practices, and the late Lord High Treasurer considered that he deserved punishment beyond his being dismissed. Office for Licensing Hawkers and Pedlers, 30 March, 1715. 2½ *pages.*

[? About 30 Mar.] 27. Memorial to the Lords of the Treasury, of George Hay, Esq. Lieut.-Governor of Montserrat, William Matthew, Esq., Lieut.-Governor of S^{t} Christophers, Edward Byam, Esq. (in behalf of his father, Edward Byam, Esq., L^{t}-Governor of Antigua), and Joseph Martin, Esq., in behalf of Daniel Smith, Esq., Lieut.-Governor of Nevis; praying for an order to be prepared for his Majesty's signature for their salaries of 200*l.* per ann. each.

Minuted:—"30 Mar. 1715. Warr^{ts} to be prepared as usuall." 1 *page, quarto.*

30 Mar. 28. M^{r} Secretary Stanhope to the Lords of the Treasury. Transmits the petition of Joseph Denham for their opinion and report. Whitehall, 30 March 1715.

The petition. Petitioner had lost 30,000*l.* by the clandestine practices of Morgan Whitley, late Receiver-General of Chester and North Wales, If authorised, would bring into the Exchequer 8,000*l.* of the debts belonging to Whitley.

Also copy of Treasury letter to the Com^{rs} for the Land Tax. 3 *pages.*

31 March. 29. Proposals made by M^{r} Vanbrugh to the Lords of the Treasury for various alterations in the mode of conducting the business of the Board of Works. The last is to incorporate the Office of the Works at Windsor with the General Office of Works at Whitehall. Office of his Majesty's Works, 31 March 1715. 3 *pages.*

31 March. 30. Copy of an account of the supply for the year 1714, and the deficiencies of the same.

It includes an account of sums granted for public services in the session of Parliament begun the 16th day of February 1713, and ended the 9th day of July 1714, how much the grants were deficient, the payments made thereupon until the 31st day of March 1715, and the remains thereof.

At the end is:—"This acco^{t} in obedience to his Ma^{ts} command upon an address of the hono^{ble} House of Commons is humbly presented by W^{m} Lowndes." 10 *pages or parts of pages.*

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2 April. 31. Report of the Com^rs for Sick and Hurt Seamen to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Christopher Clarke of London, merchant, touching his claims for the supply of provisions to the hospital at Gosport. M^r Clarke cannot be paid because he has not the tickets, and M^r Colebrook, who has them, cannot be paid because they are not indorsed or assigned to him. April 2, 1715.

Minuted:—"6 Aug^t 1717. The pet^r, if he thinks he has right, to pursue his remedy at law or equity."

Also proposals from his clerk, and a letter from James Colebrook on the same subject. 5½ *pages.*

2 April. 32. Lord-Lieut. of Ireland (Sunderland) to the Lords of the Treasury. According to their Lordships' letter of 16 March last, has considered the petition of Catherine Power, *alias* O'Hara, praying a pension on the Irish Establishment, and has perused the report of the Auditor-General, and two letters from the Duke of Ormonde and the Earl of Wharton, late Lord-Lieutenants of Ireland. The grant of a pension of 5 shillings a day will be well bestowed. London, April 2, 1715.

Minuted:—"14 June 1715. Prepare a w^t."

All the papers above named and 4 certificates. 10 *pages or parts of pages.*

2 April. 33. Lord Chamberlain of the Household (Shrewsbury) to the Lords of the Treasury. Desires them to order 300*l.* to be paid to Sir Clement Cotterell, Master of the Ceremonies, for a present to the Marquis Durazzo, Envoy Extraordinary from the Republic of Genoa, who is on his departure. Cockpit, 2 April 1715.

Minuted:—"W^t signed." 1 *page.*

2 April. 34. M^r Secretary Stanhope to M^r Lowndes, signifying his Majesty's pleasure that the Com^rs of Customs in England and Scotland lay before the House of Commons an account of all woollen manufactures, lead, tin, and fish exported from Christmas 1708 to Christmas 1714; of the gross and net produce of the Customs for the same time; of the woollen manufactures exported from England from Christmas 1697 to Christmas 1699; of all logwood, fustic, indigo and other materials for drugs or dyeing sent to France since the peace; and of the gross and net produce of the Excise and Customs in Scotland since the Union. Whitehall, 2 April 1715. 2 *pages.*

2 April. 35. Com^rs of Excise (Scotland) to the Lords of the Treasury. The justices for the shire of Edinburgh used, before the malt duty commenced, to meet in Edinburgh every Thursday, to determine complaints concerning the revenue; but since that time they have refused to act, whereby the arrears are much increased. The magistrates of Edinburgh have now complied with their (the Com^rs') request, and have given judgment in the terms of law against all persons in arrear in Edinburgh and precincts (except maltsters.) This good service has brought in a considerable sum. Excise Office, Edinburgh, 2 Apr. 1715.

Minuted:—" 13th Sepr 1715. A lr̃e to be writ to the Comrs of Excise, returning the thanks of this board to the magistrates of Edinburgh. Lr̃e sign'd 19th Sept. 1715." 1 *page*.

4 April. 36. Report of H. Cholmley, Surveyor-General, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the lands purchased for the better fortifying Portsmouth, Harwich and Chatham. The lands and premises at Harwich are valued at 9,149*l*. 13*s*. 2*d*., those at Portsmouth at 15,119*l*. 14*s*. 9*d*., and those at Chatham at 16,734*l*. 16*s*. 4*d*. It is very hard to ascertain what they may be worth, several being out of repair, &c. The best plan would be to let the lands, houses, &c., under an Exchequer lease at an annual rent to the fairest bidder. 4 April 1715.

Also letter from the Board of Ordnance (11 March 1714), praying to be put in possession of the lands, and a letter and minute of the Comrs for these lands, as to the profits of the same and spoil committed on the houses.

Minuted:—" Read 15 July 1715." 6½ *pages*.

5 April. 37. Mr Secretary Stanhope to the Lords of the Treasury. Sends petition of Thomas Vaws, George Tartar, and William Dorrington, for their Lordships' consideration. Whitehall, 5 Apr. 1715.

The petition. They pray for 199*l*. 18*s*. 8½*d*. due to them for their costs about the deer sent to Barbary as a present to the Emperor of Morocco, and for bringing the lions and tiger, and other creatures, as a present from the Emperor to her late Majesty. 2 *pages*.

5 April. 38. Lord Townsend to the Lords of the Treasury. Encloses the petition of William Hawkins, Ulster King of Arms of all Ireland. Desires them to obtain his Majesty's letter for 825*l*., that the several state officers of Ireland may be clothed with all convenient speed, his Majesty having altered the royal arms which are to be wrought on the robes and liveries. April 5, 1715.

Minuted:—" Prepare a wt."

The petition. 2 *pages*.

6 April. 39. Report of the Comrs for Sick and Hurt Seamen to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Joseph Lister and James Wilson. The sums claimed were due to them for quartering sick seamen, till they could be admitted into St Thomas's Hospital. Mr Savery, their late treasurer, had not complied with their warrant. 6 April 1715.

Also, " Instructions to be observed by Joseph Lester and James Wilson, quarterers in St Thomas's, Southwark." 3 *pages*.

7 April. 40. Mr Secretary Stanhope to Mr Lowndes, signifying the King's pleasure that an account be laid before the House of Commons, of the deficiency at Michaelmas, 1714, of the yearly fund of 186,670*l*. of the Classis Lottery, 1711, and of the fund of 168,003*l*. for the Classis Lottery, 1712. Whitehall, 7 April 1715. 1 *page*.

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8 April. 41. The Board of Ordnance to M^{r} Secretary Stanhope. Respecting the account of Col. Samuel Vetch, as captain of gunners and matrosses raised in New England. Col. Nicholson was directed by the Board to examine the several accounts in North America. The imprests then standing out against Col. Vetch amounted to 5,317*l.* 2*s.* 9*d.* Col. Nicholson set forth many indirect practices of Col. Vetch, as to pay, clothing, and victualling, by which it appeared that he had overcharged in his account 2,011*l.* 9*s.* 9½*d.*, &c. They cannot procure satisfaction from Col. Vetch as to his accounts. What light they have they owe to Col. Nicholson. Office of Ordnance, 8 April 1715. 2½ *pages.*

8 April. 42. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of William Young and six others, who were apprehended and carried to prison as owlers, for exporting wool, and afterwards removed to the Fleet, where they remain in a distressed condition, the other six having died there in June and July last for want of necessaries. The Com^{rs} confirm this relation, and add that their wives and families have come to the parish. The fines amount to a considerable sum, and it is not expected substantial persons will bail them, and they are too poor to bear the charge of a trial, &c. Have directed their solicitor to allow them 6*d.* a day each to keep them from starving, as they are not entitled to the common charity of the prison. They are looked upon as notorious offenders, and the Com^{rs} cannot recommend them to be admitted as bail for one another as they ask. The great difficulty is, they are obstinate and refuse to plead, and cannot be brought to a trial. Suggest a law to be made to meet their case. Custom House, London, 8 April 1715.

Minuted :—"Read 13th Sep^{r} 1715. My Lords agree to this report, and direct the Com^{rs} to prepare the draught of a bill for the purposes mencõnd in this rep^{t}, to be offer'd to the House of Cõmons in the next Session."

Again :—"Lr̃e writ."

The petition. Also a list of owlers in the Fleet. 4½ *pages.*

8 April. 43. Report of the same to the same on the petition of Francis Snell, praying to be allowed to succeed an aged landwaiter, allowing him a sufficient maintenance out of the salary. Although there have been some few instances of this kind, they are of opinion that the practice should not have any encouragement, "forasmuch as officers of the best experience in business may pretend to be infirm, and being permitted to quit the service on the terms aforesaid, become pensioners to the revenue, and for that the succeeding person by reason his salary will be less than that of other officers of the same rank, may the sooner be guilty of exactions, in the execution of his office, thereby to make up whatever he shall pay out of his salary upon such agreement." 8 April 1715.

Minuted :—"13 Sept^{r} 1715. My Lords are of y^{e} same opinion wth the Com^{rs} Cust."

The petition, and a certificate of the competency of the petitioner for the duties. 3 *pages.*

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9 April. 44. Copy of a letter from General Hamilton to the Lords of Trade, sending proposals for the speedy settlement of that part of the Island of St. Christopher, formerly belonging to the French. 9 April 1715.

The proposals. The French part of the island has generally been computed at 20,000 acres of "manurable land." It will be to the interest of the Crown, &c. to dispose of the lands at easy rates, the object being to encourage population capable of bearing arms. Recommends the encouragement of emigration from Britain, Ireland, or the colonies of America; also the division of this part of the island into parishes. "There ought to be a proportionable number of divisions in this part to the other part of the island, capable of sending representatives or assembly men to the General Assembly, that they may not be taxed by men who have no interest in this part, nor bound by law made by assemblies wherein they are not represented." Also suggests that certain portions should be laid out for building. 7 *pages.*

9 April. 45. Report of the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland (Sunderland) to the Lords of Trade, on the petition of Ensign Walter Dawes. Is of opinion that he has a just title to be established on the list of half-pay, and to receive the arrears due to him. April 9, 1715.

The letter of reference, the petition, and a certificate.

Minuted :—"Prepare a wt." 4 *pages.*

11 April. 46. Report of the Surveyor-General (Cholmley) to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Thomas Boughton, gentleman, as to a lease of corn mills and other demesne lands of the manor of King's Cliff, *alias* Cliff Regis, in the county of Northampton. Thinks that additional terms to make up 31 years may be set at a fine of 40*l.*, continuing the reserved rents of 62*l.* per ann. April 11, 1715.

The petition referred to. 2½ *pages.*

11 April. 47. Petition of Mary Johnson, of Great Yarmouth, widow and relict of Colonel John Johnson, deceased, to the Rt Hon. Charles Lord Viscount Townshend, one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State. Her husband had served the Government for near 40 years, and about 12 years before was made Governor of the Carribbee Leeward Islands, in America, and after three years was murdered, and his whole effects (about 8,000*l.* in value) were embezzled. 1,321*l.* were due to him for his salary as Governor; prays that the sum may be paid.

Certificate by the mayor and others as to the truth of the petition, and recommending her case. Dated 11 April 1715. 1½ *pages.*

12 April. 48. Representation from the Comrs of Excise (Scotland) to the Lords of the Treasury. Have previously represented that several difficulties in the management of the office required a parliamentary remedy. Again lay the same difficulties before their Lordships. The difference between the Scotch and English gallon (*see* Vol. ciii., 16) much perplexes their accounts, so that it would be of great service to the revenue to have this matter settled in Parliament, the arrear

on account of the 17th part to the 1st of May last, amounting to upwards of 4,000*l.* The distillers have refused payment of the duty as charged, and the justices have given judgment that the distillers shall pay no more than 3*d.* the Scots pint (two whereof make nearly the English wine gallon) upon spirits, &c. Obtained a decree against the distillers of Edinburgh for the duty of low wines and spirits, but almost all of them refuse to pay the duty, and stand out upon contempt, by reason they are very poor, and know that by the law of Scotland, if they (the Com^{rs}) put them in prison, they must maintain them there. The victuallers in many of the isles and remote parts of several shires have so small a trade, that the duties of Excise are not worth the expense. Advise that the duties be let to farm. Excise Office, Edinburgh, 12 April 1715. 2 *pages.*

12 April. 49. Report of W^{m} Borrett to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Anne Britten. Previously reported on her case, that she was convicted of receiving stolen goods and fined 20*l.*, and remained a prisoner in Newgate. Finds that she has not done anything criminal since his last report, and is still a prisoner on the common side, in miserable starving condition, and utterly unable to pay the fine.

Minuted :—" Agreed, and a w^{t} to be prepared to acknowledg sattisfaccõn on record."

Also the petition.

Duplicate of the above report. 3 *pages.*

14 April. 50. Report of the Com^{rs} for Duties on Hides, &c. to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Mellish, Esq., late Receiver-General for the county of Southampton, advising the transferring of 4,530*l.* 11*s.* 4*d.* paid on the land tax by mistake. Office of Hides, &c., 14 April 1715.

Minuted :—" W^{t} drawn."

The petition. 2 *pages.*

14 April. 51. Com^{rs} of Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury. Are daily importuned by the late proprietors and tenants to come to a resolution about letting the lands and tenements purchased for the fortifications at Portsmouth, Chatham, and Harwich. The buildings are decaying for want of repair. Office of Ordnance, 14 April 1715. 1 *page.*

16 April. 52. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the same, on the petition of John Heather, of Balham, in the county of Surrey, Esq., in regard to his debt. Have no objection to his obtaining an Act of Parliament to empower their Lordships to accept a composition for the bonds wherein the petitioner is surety. 16 April 1715.

Minuted :—" 14 June 1715. My Lords cannot encourage these applicacõns."

The petition referred to, and five other papers. 12 *pages or parts of pages.*

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[After 19 April.] 53. " A list of warrants prepared for your Lordships' signing for paying what is due in his Ma^{ts} reign to the foreign ministers on their ordinary and for extraord^{rys} to those who have brought in their bills (to wit) from the 1st of August 1714 to the respective daies following." The last day that appears is 19 April 1715 The names of the ministers are given. 1 *page.*

21 April. 54. Report of the Attorney-General to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of several merchants, inhabitants of the islands of Jersey and Guernsey, representing that by very ancient charters they are free from all customs, taxes, subsidies, &c. in England and other his Majesty's dominions, and that the stocking manufactures in those islands were imported into England custom free, and that the wool of which they are made is transported from England, custom free, by Acts of Parliament; 20 per cent. duty has been claimed by the Com^{rs} of Customs at Southampton; 40 bales of these are detained there, to the destruction of the trade and the famishing of 20,000 or 30,000 souls who are maintained thereby. Confirms their statement as to their charters, but is of opinion that such charters of exemption, cannot, in point of law, discharge the payment of customs given to the Crown by Acts of Parliament subsequent to those grants. Advises the giving up of the stockings stopped, and that a clause should be inserted in a public Bill for discharging the duties on importation of the goods of the produce and manufacture of those islands. April 21st, 1715.

In the *Minute Book,* Vol. 20, p. 107, 20 June 1715, is :—" Report of y^{e} Com^{rs} of the Customes about stockins imported from Guernsey is read. My Lords order the stockings to be deliv̑d upon bond to pay the duty by the end of this Session of Parliam^{t}, if not relieved by some Act before that time, and my Lords direct that a copy of the Order of Council mencõnd in the report for taking off the officers in 1709 be brought to the Treasury."

Again at p. 137, 12 *Aug.* 1715, *is* :—" Com^{rs} Customes called in. My Lords take into consideracõn the matter relating to the duties on imports from Guer[n]sey, Jersey, Alderney, and Sarke, and do direct that the Com^{rs} do cause bonds to be taken for the duties till the end of next Session of Parl^{t}, and that this order shall relate as well to the stockins for the duties whereof bonds were to be taken to the end of this session, as to the future importacõns, and that the said bonds be renewd & taken to the end of the said next session."

The petition and another memorial drawn up by M. Gruchy, solicitor for the petitioners, reciting portions of various charters, &c. to sustain their claims. 6½ *pages.*

22 April. 55. M^{r} Secretary Stanhope to the same. Encloses the petition of Anna Milner & Co. to the King for their opinion and report. 22 April 1715.

The petition, asking to be allowed to apply to Parliament for relief, having paid the duties on a quantity of tobacco which was burnt in a warehouse adjoining the Custom House. 2 *pages.*

25 April. 56. " Abstract of the accomp^{t} of his Maj$^{ty's}$ revenue of 2*s.* ꝑ hh^{d} &c. arising in Virginia, for six months ending the 25th of April 1715. Nath. Harrison, Esq., Deputy Receiver." 1 *page.*

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27 April. 57. A state of the supplies for the year 1714. 27 April 1715.

Enclosed is a paper of memoranda relating to the South Sea Company. 1½ *pages.*

[About 27 April.] 58. An account of the moneys issued for the service of the navy out of the funds granted by Parliament for the service of the year. 1714. 2 *pages.*

27 April. 59. Copy of indenture as to certain fuel or timber for repairs for the service of the Royal Navy, delivered by the Surveyor-General of his Majesty's Woods, south of Trent, to Owen Sutherland, Gent., purveyor of his Majesty's Navy at Portsmouth. 27 April 1715.

Also a particular of the value. 3 *pages.*

27 April. 60. Lord-Lieut. of Ireland (Sunderland) to the Lords of the Treasury. Sends the report of the Lords Justices and Auditor-General of Ireland on the petition of Lewis Armand, formerly a lieutenant in Count de Paulin's regiment. Is of opinion that petitioner should have 3*s.* a day allowed him.

Minuted :—" Prepare a war^{t}."

The reports and petition referred to. 5 *pages.*

28 April. 61. Com^{rs} for Stamp Duties to the Lords of the Treasury, approving of the recommendation made by William Farrer, Esq., M.P. for the town of Bedford, relating to placing Mr. John Weaver in the room of Thomas Bidford, Distributor of Stamps in the county of Bedford. Stamp Office, Lincoln's Inn, 28 April 1715.

Minuted :—" Ordered."

The letter of William Farrer. 2 *pages.*

28 April. 62. Report of the Com^{rs} for Duties on Hides to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Weston, Esq., formerly Receiver-General for the county of Surrey, for such allowance to be made to him as had been made to former receivers. Do not find that any were made to his predecessors. He still owes 2,289*l.* for the window tax. Office for Hides, &c., 28 April 1715.

Two petitions, the one to the Lords of the Treasury and the other to the above Com^{rs}. 3 *pages.*

29 April. 63. Representation of the Com^{rs} for determining the titles of lands, &c. at Portsmouth, Chatham, and Harwich, to the R^{t} Hon. the Lieutenant-General and the rest of the principal officers of his Majesty's Ordnance, laying before them an account of their proceedings. Inspected deeds and writings, and examined witnesses to ascertain the respective interests of the proprietors and their tenants, as to the sums agreed for by the Com^{rs} or assessed by juries who valued the lands in 1709. Have drawn up their judgments and decrees, and made out certificates for the sums each proprietor is to receive.

The following cases are not yet provided for by the Act of the 8th year of Anne, but they have no power to make satisfaction for them. At Portsmouth a rood of land in West Dock Field, now belonging to Joseph Robins, of the value of 5*l.*; and at Winchester College, loss of tithe in the Common Field. Submit to the Government whether any allowance shall be made to the College for the same. Then at Rochester, the Dean and Chapter of Rochester conceived too little was allotted to them in proportion to what was allowed to their tenants. The Act of Parliament having ratified the inquisition, they have no power to alter it, &c. Brazen Nose College complains of loss of tithe to their rectory of Gillingham, by the lands taken. At Harwich, part of the lands taken are held of the manor of Dover court-cum-Harwich, and are valued at 18 years' purchase to the tenant, and there is no sum fixed, either for the purchase of the quit-rents or the enfranchisement, &c. The Com^rs say they have made out a certificate for 15*l.* for valuable royalties, &c., between low and high water, belonging to Thomas Daval, Esq., an infant, lord of the manor of Dover Court and Harwich, situate on Manningtree water. (Enclose Memorial No. 1.) The corporation of Harwich have represented that they will be great losers if this ground should be vested in the Crown by not being able to sell ballast. M^r Daniel Smith, jun., desires to be considered for improvements since the vesting the lands in the Trustees. John Rolfe has no allowance for pumps on the top of the hill near Harwich. M^r Curtis, vicar of Dover Court and Harwich, claims for damage by loss of tithe. There is a dispute as to Rudland's wharf, whether the whole is taken or not (plan and certificates annexed). Dated 29 April 1715.

The enclosures referred to, including the plan. 16 *pages.*

30 April. 64. Order in Council referring to the Lords of the Treasury for their report a petition of Robert Hunter, Esq., Governor of New York, for payment of disbursements made by him for subsisting 3,000 Palatines employed in the province of New York, in the production of naval stores. 30 April 1715.

The petition. 2 *pages.*

30 April. 65. Similar order, on the petition of Major Robert Kemp, Major Humphry Cory, Margaret Collingwood, widow, &c., on behalf of themselves and the rest of the officers and the widows and children of the Hon. Col. Foxe's late regiment of foot (formerly Col. Collingwood's) for payment of their arrears. 30 April 1715.

Minuted :—" 6th August 1717. To Com^rs for stating the debts of the Army."

The petition, and a state of Col. Collingwood's regiment from 24th April 1700. 5½ *pages.*

30 April. 66. Representation of the Com^rs for Duties on Hides, &c. to the Lords of the Treasury, asking for a warrant for the payment of the salaries of their officers. 30 April 1715.

Minuted :—" Agreed."

The petition of their solicitor (George Wilson) on the same subject. 2½ *pages.*

30 April. 67. Memorial of the Right noble Evelin, Lord Marquis of Dorchester, Chief Justice and Justice in Eyre of Forests, North of Trent, to the Lords of the Treasury, drawing attention to the damage done in the Forest of Sherwood by the violent tempest of

of wind on the 1st of February, which was valued at 2,473*l.* 9*s.* 4*d.*, as appears by the certificate of the verderers.

The certificate referred to. Dated Mansfield Woodhouse, April "the last," 1715. 2 *pages.*

[After April.] 68. Memorial of the late Com^{rs} for disbanding the Marines, to the Lords of the Treasury, praying payment for their services after Jan. 1713–14 in settling various claims, &c., down to April 1715. 2 *pages.*

[After April.] 69. Memorial of Awnsham Churchill to the Lords of the Treasury, praying to be allowed various sums for binding sets of *Rymer's Fœdera.* The last seems to be in April 1715.

One set was for the Prince of Wales, and another for the library at Wolfenbuttel.

The docquet mentions that the claim was also for binding several volumes of the *Historia Cœlestis.*

Minuted:—"Read 4th July 1715. A warr^{t} to be p̃pared." 1 *page.*

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3 May. 1. Col. Tho. Caulfeild to the Lord Treasurer [*sic* but there was then no Lord Treasurer]. Has done his utmost to dispose of the clothing left in his hands by Gen^{l} Nicholson. Prays payment for firing furnished to the garrison. Encloses M^{r} Peter Capon's account of sloop hire on the occasion of the proclamation of King George in the principal parts of Nova Scotia. Annapolis Royal, 3 May 1715.

The account mentioned. 5 *pages.*

3 May. 2. Copy of a representation of the Board of Trade to the King, as to the disposal of the lands in the late French part of St. Christopher's. Propose two methods for settling the Island, either to sell the land outright to the highest bidder, with a quit rent on the whole; or, which seems the better of the two, that the lands be granted in fee-farms at a yearly reserved rent. Advise that Com^{rs} be sent there from England to carry out the settlement of the Island. Whitehall, 3 May 1715. 5 *pages.*

4 May. 3. Copy of a representation of the Board of Trade to the King, as to the petitions of certain French Protestant refugees to be restored to their lands in St. Christopher's, from which they had been driven on account of their religion by the French, on the peace of Ryswick. Recommend that the petitions, as also those of Humphrey Sheppard and Mary Bowden, for grants in the said French part, be referred to the Com^{rs} for the disposal of the lands in St. Christopher's. Also lay before his Majesty an abstract of the

petition of Stephen Duport, merchant, who prayed for a grant of some lands in the French part of the Island in consideration of heavy losses occasioned by the English troops when that Island was retaken from the French by Col. Codrington in 1690. Recommend him to his Majesty's grace and favour. Whitehall, 4 May 1715. 8 *pages.*

4 May. 4. Warrant from the Lords of the Treasury to Moses Beranger, Esq., authorising him to pay Anthony Nicoll, Esq., receiver and paymaster of the money arising from the sale of tin, the 20,000*l.* which he has agreed to advance on the tin which he is under contract to sell in Holland. Treasury Chambers, 4 May 1715. 1 *page.*

6 May. 5. Report of E. Harley to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of the receivers of the Civil List Lottery, 1713, who pray for a reward for their trouble and for the charges of passing their accounts. Finds that allowances have been made to former receivers for the charges of passing their accounts, as well as a reward of 1*s.* 2*d.* in the pound for the money they paid into the Exchequer. Is of opinion that the same allowance may be made to the memorialists, which will amount to 1,039*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.* for the sum they paid into the Exchequer, and 60*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* for the charges of passing their accounts. 6 May 1715.

On the back of this report is a warrant to Edward Harley and Thomas Foley, Auditors of Imprests, to pay to the said receivers, 1,099*l.* 10*s.*

Minuted :—" 4th July 1715. Agreed to."
The memorial. 3 *pages.*

9 May. 6. Copy of a list of bounties paid by Edward Nicholas in two years, from Mich. 1712 to Mich. 1714, and also of a list of her late Majesty's warrants for bounties payable in his office, but which had not been paid, as no money had been issued for that purpose before her death. 9 May 1715.

On the back is :—" For Mr Lowndes." 6 *pages.*

9 May. 7. An estimate by Sir Isaac Newton of the tin which remained unsold. 9 May 1715. 1 *page.*

9 May. 8. A paper from Wm Lowndes, Esq., made out by command of His Majesty, on an address of the House [of Commons], showing how the Civil List branches have been lessened by Acts of Parliament since the granting thereof. These deductions from the Civil List amount to 275,800*l.* per annum. 9 May 1715. 4 *pages.*

10 May. 9. Copy of a list of pensions granted by Queen Anne in Scotland since the Union. Among the items are allowances to the Professors in the Scotch Universities. 10 May 1715.
On the back is :—" For Mr Lowndes." 1 *page.*

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10 May. 10. Copy of Queen Anne's Establishment for the expenses of the Civil Government in Scotland after the Union, and the additions which her late Majesty made to it. Among the additions is 840*l.* for the professors in the Scotch Universities. 10 May 1715.

On the back is:—"For Mr Lowndes." 6 *pages.*

10 May. 11. An estimate of the whole expense of her late Majesty's Civil Government for one year. 10 May 1715. 1 *page and a few lines.*

10 May. 12. Report of R. Powys to "Messeigneurs," on the demands of Mrs. Howe, widow and executrix of Emanuel Scrope Howe, Esq., deceased, late Envoy Extraordinary to the Court of Hanover, for expenses incurred by her husband over and above the annual allowance of 300*l.* made to Envoys going to that Court. Encloses an account of her demands. 10 May 1715. (French.)

The account referred to. 2 *pages.*

10 May. 13. Copy of an account of what pensions have been granted and what warrants for beneficial grants have been directed to the Lords of the Treasury since King George's accession. The last item is: "6,774*l.* 1*s.* 1*d.* to Wm Borret, Esq., on accot of the Distemper'd Cattle." 10 May 1715.

On the back is:—"For Mr Lowndes." 6 *pages.*

12 May. 14. Comrs of Customs, Scotland, to the Lords of the Treasury. Enclose affidavits as to two cases of assaults on their officers. In the first case, which occurred at Dunrobin, in the county of Sutherland, their officers, on trying to remove certain hogsheads which were concealed below ground in Lord Strathnaver's garden, at the above place, were attacked by men disguised as women, forced out of the garden, and kept securely guarded until the goods had been safely carried off. In the second case, which happened at Air, their officers, who were watching to discover run goods, were beaten and bound with ropes by a band of men under Robert Hunter, merchant. Have been informed by their assistant solicitor that the Lords of Justiciary had, in a trial at Dumfries for a similar riot, refused to accept any officers of the Customs as witnesses for the prosecution. The continuance of such a practice will render all prosecutions for these offences useless. Custom House, Edinburgh, 12 May 1715.

Twelve affidavits and the report of William Caddell, (?) the assistant solicitor, on the subject of the admission of the evidence of these witnesses. 7 *pages or parts of pages.*

12 May. 15. Report of Tho. Hewett to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John and Richard Winn, keepers of Salcey Forest, in the county of Northampton. The petitioners, who had been so severely injured in an affray with a gang of deerstealers that they were disabled from further service, pray for an allowance for a servant to perform their duties, and for some gratuity towards the

charges of the cure of their wounds. Approves of the petition. 12 May 1715.

Minuted :—"21 June 1715. To be considered what is reasonable to be done."

The petition referred to. 2 *pages and a few lines.*

12 May. 16. M^{r} Secretary James Stanhope to the Lords of the Treasury. M^{r} Methuen, H.M. minister at the Court of Madrid, has chosen Don Juan Baptista Uzardi as his assistant in managing the affairs of his Majesty's subjects there. Signifies his Majesty's approval, and begs their Lordships to issue a warrant to the said Uzardi for 500*l.* for this year's service, to commence from 25th of March last. Whitehall, 12 May 1715.

Minuted :—"W^{t} signed." 1 *page and a few lines.*

13 May. 17. C. Rhodes to the Lords of the Treasury. By order of the managers and directors of the Lottery for 1714, lays before their Lordships the account of the receipts and expenses connected with that lottery. Prays that the deficit, 407*l.* 2*s.* 7½*d.* may be supplied to them. 13 May 1715.

On the back of the letter is the account referred to, with 32 signatures. 3 *pages.*

13 May. 18. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Thomas Perrin of London, merchant. The petitioner states that for several years he traded largely in tobacco to Virginia and other parts, and paid the revenue nearly 100,000*l.*, but on becoming indebted by bonds for customs, all his possessions were sold, and he was imprisoned in the Fleet, where he had lain between two and three years. Prays to be set at liberty upon giving security to surrender himself when required. The Com^{rs} report adversely to him, and cannot recommend him to their Lordships' favour. Custom House, London, 13 May 1715.

Minuted :—"Read 13th Sept^{r} 1715. It appearing that the pet^{r} has been guilty of great frauds my Lords see no reason for his reliefe."

The petition. 5 *pages.*

13 May. 19. An abstract of the produce of the revenue of H.R.H. James, Duke of York, for the year 1678, with the following note at the foot :—"This abstract is made from a declared account of the late Treasurers to his Royal Highness for the year abovesaid, W^{m} Lowndes. 13 May 1715." 1 *page.*

14 May. 20. Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland (Sunderland) to the Lords of the Treasury. Transmitting the petition of M^{r} Edmond Schuldam, late Solicitor of Criminal Causes, together with the report of the Lords Justices thereupon. Finds that arrears of salary are due to him to the amount of 352*l.* 9*s.* for executing that office, and begs their Lordships to procure a warrant for that amount. Bath, 14 May 1715.

The petition *minuted :*—"Prepare ye w^{t}."

The petition and report referred to. 4 *pages.*

17 May. 21. Copy of a report of Henry Baker on the petition of James West, in which the petitioner sets forth that on the false evidence of

one William Dann he was fined 150*l.* for exporting wool, and also had to compound in the sum of 12*l.* 10*s.* on a false charge of running brandy. Prays, on account of his innocency and good character, for a warrant to discharge his Majesty's moieties of the penalty. Finds that the petition is true, and therefore has no objection to such a warrant being prepared. May 17, 1715.

At the foot is:—"This is a true copy of Mr Baker's report as it was fairly engrossed and stands entred by me in his report book, the originall some small time since being delivered into the Treãry (as informed) mislaid. Tho. Ashurst, 8o Februãr 1715–6."

The petition not with it. 2 *pages.*

20 May. 22. An account of the proposals made in relation to the coinage of farthings and halfpence from the beginning of Queen Anne's reign to 20th May 1715. Prepared by order of the Lords of the Treasury, and signed by Wm Lowndes. The officers of the Mint recommended Mr Eyre's proposal as the best. This was to deliver into the Mint plates of fine copper, malleable when red hot, and drawn to a breadth and thickness fit for cutting. One of the recommendations had been that it was best to coin the copper money as near as could be to the intrinsic value, including the charges of coinage, set allowance and incidents, and reckoning the copper at what it would sell for if the new money should be melted down again (for which reason it ought to be free from such mixtures as would diminish the market price), and that whatever profit should arise by the coinage the Crown might have it in its power to gratify whom it pleased therewith. 20 May 1715. 6 *pages.*

21 May. 23. Report of the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland (Sunderland) to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Major Robert Pigott, of Col. Edward Stanhope's regiment. The petitioner prays, in consideration of past services, to be put on the establishment of half-pay in Ireland as Lieut.-Col., from the 8th October 1710, the date of his suspension. Has transmitted the petition to the Lords Justices, who referred it to the Muster Master-General of Ireland, whose report he encloses; and also other papers connected with the petition. Agrees with the report that the petitioner deserves half-pay as Lieut.-Col. and also the arrears thereof from 8th Oct. 1710, Bath, May 21, 1715.

Minuted:—"Prepare a wt."

The petitions of Major Pigott and six other papers on the same subject. 9 *pages.*

21 May. 24. Report of the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland (Sunderland) to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Lord Lifford, who prays to be restored to his half-pay on the establishment of Ireland from 25th June 1706. Has referred the petition to the Lords Justices, whose report, together with that of the Auditor-General of Ireland, (to whom the Lords Justices referred it) he encloses. Sees no reason why he should not be restored to his half-pay and receive the arrears thereof. Bath, May 21, 1715.

Five other papers on the same subject, including the petition and reports referred to. 7 *pages.*

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23 May. 25. Earl of Sunderland (Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland) to the Lords of the Treasury, transmitting to them the reports of the Lords Justices and Attorney-General of Ireland, upon the petition of John Walker, Esq., son of the late Dr. George Walker, the late Governor of Londonderry. The petitioner prays that his present pension of 200*l.* may be augmented until the 2,000*l.* promised him can be paid in one sum, as had been promised. The Lord-Lieutenant, in consideration of the strong recommendation of the Lords-Justices, is of opinion that the petitioner's present pension of 200*l.* should be augmented to one of 300*l.* for 21 years, certain. Bath, May 23, 1715.

An affidavit by Ja. Macartney in John Walker's favour, *minuted*:—"14th June 1715. If ye 2,000li be a well-grounded demand, my Lords thinke it more adviseable that the 2,000li should be paid off than that 300l a year should be granted for 21 years." *Again*:—"Wt signed."

The reports mentioned, the petition, and a copy of a former petition, a letter of 28 Dec. 1714 from the Treasury, referring it to the Lord-Lieutenant, and other papers relating to the same subject. 23 *pages.*

24 May. 26. Postmasters-General (Cornwallis and Ja. Craggs) to the Lords of the Treasury. Propose that, as the Post Office is the only branch of the revenue which has no checks upon its inferior officers, that six surveyors may be appointed to survey the six main roads and all the cross and branch roads through which the letters are conveyed. Think that 20*s.* per day to each surveyor will be sufficient, and hope if their plan is adopted, to put a stop to many frauds and abuses connected with this branch of the revenue. They also complain of the franking. General Post Office, 24th May 1715.

Minuted:—"4th June 1715. Agreed to make a trial in some part of the kingdo with 3 surveiors, but the Postmars are from time to time to represent to my Lords what fruit they find of their service, and the K. is to be at no further charges then ye 20sh p diem." *Again*:—"Lr̃e writ." *Again*:—"11th do. Agreed to the whole as proposed." 4 *pages.*

24, 25 May. 27. Memorial of the officers of the Board of Works to the Lords of the Treasury. By their new commission they are ordered to examine all bills, &c. for works in the late Queen's time and since his Majesty's accession. To examine every article of all bills "before passed," and of so long standing, will take a considerable time, and much more than they can spare. Ask if under the 27th section of their commission they may pass and allow all bills, &c. allowed by the Surveyor of Works and the former board without further examination. May 24, 1715.

Minuted:—"Read, 27th May 1715. My Lords agree that the officers shall proceed to ye examinacōn of the bills for all works & services since his Mats accession; but do dispence with their examinacōn of the services performed in the late Queen's time."

Also a letter from one of the Comrs to John Taylour, Esq., on the same subject. 25 May 1715. 3 *pages.*

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26 May. 28. James Stanhope to the Lords of the Treasury. Encloses for their Lordships' report thereon the petition and bill of disbursements of Capt. Paddon, who was employed as plenipotentiary to negotiate a peace with the Emperor of Morocco. Whitehall, 26 May 1715.

Minuted :—" 4th June 1715. Ref. to Mr Powys to examine these demands and the orders or credentials given to him."

The enclosures not now with the letter. 1 *page.*

27 May. 29. Officers of Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury. Transmit a representation from the Dean and Chapter of Rochester, complaining of a valuation made of lands purchased from the Church there for the better fortifying of Chatham. Office of Ordnance, 27 May 1715.

Minuted :—" Read 15th June 1715. All matters concerning these lands and purchases are directed by act of parliamt, and my Lords have no power to intermeddle therein."

The representation not now with it. 1 *page.*

30 May. 30. Report of Hen. Baker to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of William Wimble, the son of a Sussex farmer. A prosecution for smuggling wool was instituted against him in May 1714, by two of the riding officers on that coast, and he was convicted by the false evidence of one Samuel Wratten, a worthless character. Petitioner produces a receipt from the two prosecutors for 6*l.* 9*s.* in full satisfaction for 109*l.* 16*s.*, their moiety, and prays that his Majesty's moiety may be remitted. After perusing a certificate on the back of the petition, signed by 14 of his neighbours, testifying to the good character of the petitioner and the bad reputation of Wratten, and after seeing at the foot thereof the receipt of the two riding officers, is of opinion that the petitioner is a worthy object of compassion. 30 May 1715.

Minuted :—" 13th Septr 1715. Ppare a warrt for his relief."

The petition referred to, with the certificate and receipt on the back. 4 *pages.*

31 May. 31. Viscount Townshend to the Lords of the Treasury. Encloses the petition of the Trustees for the Charity School at Richmond, the prayer of which his Majesty has been pleased to grant. Begs their Lordships to give the necessary directions for paying the same annual allowance to the Trustees for the support of the said school, as was given by the late Queen. Whitehall, 31 May 1715.

Minuted :—" Qu. what the Queen gave to this school, & whether it is not already upon Mr Clayton's list."

Again :—" 21st August 1716. Prepare a Sign Manual."

Again :—" Warrt signed 10th Septr 1716."

The petition not now with it. 1 *page.*

31 May. 32. James Stanhope to Wm Lowndes, Esq. In pursuance of an address of the House of Commons, signifies his Majesty's pleasure that the Comrs of Customs be directed to prepare an account to be laid before the House, of the quantity of hops imported since the

duty laid upon them in the ninth year of Queen Anne's reign, and the neat produce of the duty. Whitehall, 31 May 1715. 1 *page.*

1 June. 33. The account of the produce of the duty on imported hops referred to in the preceding letter, from 1 June 1711 to 21 May 1715. *Signed* :—"Rob^{t} Paul, Assistant to the Comp^{r} Gen^{l}." Custom House, London, 1 June 1715. 1 *page.*

2 June. 34. Lord Godolphin to the Lords of the Treasury. Encloses a memorial from the Board of Green Cloth for 36,161*l.* 11*s.* 2*d.* for their expenses from Oct. 1st to March 31st last, and for 8,431*l.* due to clear the two preceding months of August and September. Begs their Lordships to favour him with 36,161*l.* 11*s.* 2*d.* by way of imprest. St. James's, Cofferer's Office, 2 June 1715.

The memorial *minuted* :—"Ordered 4 June, 44,592*l.* 11*s.* 2*d.* to be issued to the Earl of Godolphin upon account for the empcõns wages and board-wages in the Cofferer's Office incurred since his Ma^{ts} accession to the Crown, and my Lords do thinke it reasonable that y^{e} empcõns be alwaies satisfyd in the first place, and before any wages, boarde wages, or pencõns whatsoever."

The memorial referred to. 2 *pages.*

3 June. 35. Cha. Carkesse to M^{r} Taylour. Encloses an account of the quantity of hops imported since the duty laid on them in the ninth year of Queen Anne's reign. Begs him to lay the same before their Lordships. Custom House, London, 3 June 1715.

The account. 2 *pages.*

4 June. 36. Duke of Montagu to the Lords of the Treasury. Begs that some money may be ordered him for the expenses of her late Majesty's funeral (10,579*l.* 8*s.* 8*d.*) and of his Majesty's coronation (15,770*l.* 0*s.* 6*d.*), and for other expenses connected with his office. Great Wardrobe, 4 June 1715.

Minuted :—"7 July 1715, 20,000^{li}, but before issued, my Lord to see a list to whom it is to be paid, wherein the tradesmen are to be particularly regarded." 1 *page.*

[? About 4 June.] 37. Memorial of the Managers and Directors of the Lottery for 1714 for a reward for executing their commission. 33 signatures.

Minuted :—"4 June 1715, 100^{li} a piece my Lords agree to." 1 *page.*

7 June. 38. Barons of the Exchequer (Scotland) to Hon. John Taylour, Esq. Desire him to lay before the Lords of the Treasury the representation touching the invalids in Scotland, who are starving for want of pay. Beg also that the Charity Roll may be allowed and sent down. Edinburgh, 7 June 1715. 1 *page.*

8 June. 39. Cha. Delafaye to Sir William St. Quintin. Begs by this letter to introduce his brother, whom he has desired to solicit the restitution of the temporalities of the sees of Kilmore, Raphoe, and Killalow, which affair is still depending in the Treasury. Bath, 8 June 1715. 1 *page.*

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8 June. 40. Report of R. Powys to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Thomas Thomson, of Algiers, merchant. The petitioner states that on the death of Robert Cole, Esq., her Majesty's late Consul at Algiers, he was appointed by the Dey to act as British Consul there till Mr Cole's successor was appointed, and that Sir John Jennings, then Admiral and Commander-in-Chief of her Majesty's Fleet in the Mediterranean, approved of the appointment. The petitioner having acted thus as Consul from 13 Nov. 1712 to 30 June 1713, prays that the salary usually paid to the Consul at Algiers, may be paid him for the time he acted as such, and also that his extraordinary expenses incurred in that capacity may be reimbursed. States that Robert Cole died 13 Nov. 1712, and that the allowances to the present Consul began 21 February following. Annexes Mr Thomson's account of money he disbursed for their Lordships' directions thereon. 8 June 1715.

Minuted:—"Read 14th June 1715. To be considered with the demands of other Foreign Ministers when a distribution is made of of the Queen's arrears."

The petition and account referred to, a letter from James Stanhope transmitting the petition to the Lords of the Treasury for their report, and an account of services performed by the petitioner. 7 *pages*.

9 June. 41. Representation of the Comrs for Hides to the Lords of the Treasury. Have been informed that Mr Benjamin Boyden, General Surveyor of the duties on houses in London, has taken bribes for excusing the collectors from paying in their money in due time. He owns to taking a gratuity, and the rest being sufficiently proved, they recommend his discharge, and that Mr Robert Winniatt may succeed, and Mr Thomas French, lately ordered to be surveyor in Cheshire, may succeed Mr Winniatt in Essex. 9 June 1715.

Minuted:—"Read 15th June 1715. Agreed. Wt signed." 1½ *pages*.

10 June. 42. Comrs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury. Lay before their Lordships an account of the gross and net produce of the duties on hops for the four years ending June 1; how much thereof has been paid into the Exchequer, and how much is still standing out. Excise Office, London, 10 June 1715.

The account referred to. 2 *pages*.

10 June. 43. Report of Hugh Cholmley, Esq., the Surveyor-General, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Martin Killigrew, Esq. The lease of Pendennis Castle in Cornwall, made by the petitioner's father in 1693 to the Lords of the Treasury, at 200*l*. a year, having expired, he now prays for an increase of rent on a new lease. The reasons he alleges are, that Sir Peter Killigrew, being Receiver-General of the Duchy of Cornwall, paid himself, whereas now greater difficulties will attend the payment of the rent. Also that he is debarred from improving this part of his estate [while the rest of it has become double the value of what it was in 1695]. Is of

opinion that if a new lease is granted to the petitioner at 200*l.* a year, as free of deductions as the last was, he will have no reason to complain. 10 June 1715.

Minuted:—"2 Nov. 1715. My Lds agree to take a new lease at 200li p añ to be pd from time to time out of ye mo granted for ye forces for ye same term of yeares as was ye former lease."

The petition, a paper of Mr Killigrew's reasons for an increase of rent, a dormant warrant to Sir Peter Killigrew, and an affidavit as to the rise in the value of the land. 9 *pages.*

10 June. 44. Officers of the Board of Works to the Lords of the Treasury. Beg payment of the artificers' bills for (1) the funeral of the late Queen; (2) the reception of King George at Greenwich; (3) his Majesty's Coronation at Westminster; and (4) thanksgiving at St Paul's; amounting in all to 8,353*l.* 10*s.* 7¼*d.* Whitehall, Office of Works, 10 June 1715.

Minuted:—"Read 13 June 1715. 8,353*l.* 10*s.* 7¼*d.* Ordered thereupon."

An account of abatements made on these bills by the new Board of Works. 2 *pages.*

11 June. 45. Petition of S. Richmond to the Lords of the Treasury. An extent of upwards of 200*l.* had been issued against him and Mr Michael Wentworth, as securities for one Mr Abraham Lockwood, merchant. He and Wentworth had money enough in Lockwood's hands to have discharged the bonds in question, but he (Lockwood) ran off with it to the West Indies, Has also met with several misfortunes. Prays therefore for such a composition as their Lordships shall deem convenient. 11 June 1715.

The petition was referred on Sept. 20 to the Comrs of Customs to report upon. 1 *page and a few lines.*

[? About 13 June.] 46. Representation to the Lords of the Treasury from the Great Officers of his Majesty's Household, and the Comrs of the Taxes for the palaces of Whitehall and St. James. Her late Majesty had in 1705 given them directions that the pensions then paid in Whitehall should not be taxed, and had promised her assistance to make good the deficiencies thereby created. A few days before her death she ordered a tally to be struck upon tin for the remaining deficiency of 47,105*l.* 9*s.* 6*d.*, but died before the warrant could be signed. Pray therefore that a tally may be struck upon tin for the arrears, and that in the meantime process may be stopped.

Minuted:—"A warrt sign'd for stay of process the 13th June 1715." 3 *pages.*

13 June. 47. Report of the Attorney-General (Sir Edward Northey) to the Lords of the Treasury, on the annexed petition of Sir Robert Davers, Bart., executor of Mary, Lady Dowager Jermyn, who was widow and executrix of Thomas, Lord Jermyn, deceased, late Governor of Jersey, and Thomas Folkes, Esq., the surviving executor of the same lord. An information had been in 1704 exhibited

against the executors for an account of her late Majesty's part of Statute penalties received by the said Lord Jermyn. This cause has been often heard, and in 1714 the Barons of the Exchequer were equally divided on the question. As also Charles II. appointed the said Lord Jermyn Governor for life of the Island of Jersey, and granted to him the right of receiving all profits belonging to the Crown in that island, without rendering any account for them, on condition that he defrayed the charge of the Civil List there, they pray that the said information may be dismissed. Certifies to the truth of the statements alleged in the petition, and as the matters claimed by the information are but of small value, has no objection to it being dismissed. June 13, 1715.

Minuted:—"10th Aug. 1715. A privy seal to discharge the Execrs."

The petition not now with it.

See also 26 May 1714, under which date are papers relating to this matter. 4 *pages.*

[? About 14 June.] 48. A paper headed "Mr Bendysh's Case." The paper states that in consideration of his services in 1709 and 1710, as Secretary without salary to the Comrs for the poor Palatines, he obtained in July 1714 a sign manual and warrant for 1,100*l.*, which lay at the Exchequer for payment at the Queen's death. Has lodged the sign manual, etc., with Mr Taylor, and hopes that the present Lords of the Treasury will ask for it and direct it to be paid.

On the back is:—"Recommended by L. C. J. King."

Minuted:—"14 Jun. 1715. To be considered when there is another distribucõn upon ye Queen's Arreares." 1 *page.*

[? About 14 June.] 49. Earl of Sunderland, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, to the Lords of the Treasury. Encloses the petition of Ralph Wilson and Margaret, his wife, with the report of the Attorney-General for Ireland thereon. The petitioners pray for some recompense for the loss sustained by the blowing up of the Castle of Cullen, in the co. of Tipperary, by order of his late Majesty King William, at the siege of Limerick; the castle, with the lands belonging to it, being the interest of the said Margaret, who was the daughter of Edward Warter, of Bilboa, in Ireland. The Attorney-General, Richard Levinge, in his report states that after examination of various persons he finds that the statements alleged in the petition are true, and that the petitioners seem to have suffered damage to the amount of above 2,500*l.*, for which he thinks it reasonable that they should receive such satisfaction as seems good to his Majesty.

Minuted:—"14th June 1715. My Lords doe not thinke it reasonable to advise his Maty to doe any thing upon this petn."

The petition, a letter from the Earl of Oxford of 8 June 1714, referring it to the Duke of Shrewsbury, a letter from the latter referring it to the then Lords Justices of Ireland, and a letter from the present Lords Justices enclosing the report of the Attorney-General for Ireland to whom the late Lords Justices had referred it. 11 *pages.*

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14 June. 50. James Stanhope to the Lords of the Treasury. Encloses for their Lordships' consideration a scheme by Roger Acherley for paying the public debts, and raising a revenue for the Prince of Wales without real new taxes. This result was to be effected by augmenting the national credit, and applying it to the above end. Whitehall, 14 June 1715. 7 *pages and a quarter.*

[? About 14 June.] 51. Petition of M^{r} Rich^{d} Barrow to the Lords of the Treasury. Was three years and a half ago appointed Solicitor to the Mint to prosecute coiners, etc., and Sir Isaac Newton and Col. Bladen reported on 9 March 1714–15, that there was due to him for these services 387*l.* 14*s.* 7*d.* Prays therefore for their Lordships' warrant for the payment of the above sum.

Minuted:—"Read 14th June 1715. To be paid out of the 400^{li} ꝑ anñ applicable to such services by Parliament." 1 *page.*

See also 9 March 1714–15.

14 June. 52. Board of Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury. Enclose an account of stores lodged at Port Mahon for the use of the garrison, and delivered by Brigadier Petit to the Spanish undertakers for carrying on the works there. Have applied to M^{r} Petit to pay the value thereof (1,052 dols. 5 reals 10 doub.) into their office, but he has been unable to do so, as the Auditor of the Imprests has stopped the amount out of his accounts. Pray their Lordships to direct that M^{r} Petit be allowed that sum, and that he pay it into their office. Office of Ordnance, 14 June 1715.

The account referred to. 2 *pages.*

[? About 14 June.] 53. Memorial of Col. Richard King to the Lords of the Treasury, for consideration in the expense he has been at in repairing, &c. the lodgings he lately had at the Cockpit.

Minuted:—"Read June 14th 1715. The late Lord Trear̃er orderd him 60^{li}, which he was to lay out himself, and he was to have no more." 1½ *pages.*

15 June. 54. Auditor Harley's report on the payments in the Earl of Carnarvon's account of the forces in Flanders, anno 1710, which cannot be allowed without a Privy Seal. 15 June 1715.

Minuted:—"Read 4 July 1715." 4½ *pages.*

[? About 15 June.] 55. Memorial of the Com^{rs} for Hackney Coaches to the Lords of the Treasury. The passing of their patent cost them 120*l.*, and while they have the same salary as their predecessors, they are at a greater trouble, inasmuch as they have the 300 hackney chairs, and 100 new hackney coaches to manage. Offer, therefore, their present state to their Lordships' consideration, in hopes of their future favour.

Minuted:—"15th June 1715. Read." 1 *page.*

15 June. 56. Report of H. Cholmley, Surveyor-General, to the Lords of the Treasury, on a memorial from the Board of Ordnance as to the lands purchased for the fortifications at Chatham. The lands in question are vested in the Marquess of Winchester, Sir Richard

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Onslow, and other Trustees for the respective proprietors, until the purchase money is paid, when they will be vested in the Trustees in trust for the Crown. Is, however, of opinion that all such lands should, until occupied by fortifications, be under their Lordships' care, to see that the profits from them are applied to the uses to which they are appropriated. Has considered the report of Mr John Romer, engineer, as to these lands, who advises the rebuilding of the mill at Chatham, and the building of a wharf down to low water mark, and is of opinion that neither of these recommendations should be followed. June 15, 1715.

A letter from Mr Taylour, at the Treasury Chambers, two letters from the Board of Ordnance, a report of Mr Romer, and an extract from it. 8 *pages.*

16 June. 57. Com^rs of Excise, Scotland, to the Lords of the Treasury. Enclose an account of the gross and nett produce of the duty on malt, etc. in Scotland, from 24 June 1713 to 1 May 1715. Are sorry to be obliged to inform their Lordships that they are unable to propose any cure for the grievances mentioned in their letter of 5 April last in relation to the duty on malt, the Justices of the Peace everywhere still refusing to act on account of that duty.

By the ordinary course of justice the levying of the duty seems impracticable. Excise Office, Edinburgh, 16 June 1715.

The account mentioned. 3 *pages.*

17 June. 58. Report of Thomas Hewett, Surveyor-General of Woods, to the Lords of the Treasury, on a letter from Mr Vanbrugh as to delivering trees in Whittlewood Forest. The 248 trees mentioned in Mr Vanbrugh's letter have been felled by virtue of two warrants from the Treasury, and have been delivered to the Duke of Marlborough's order. Is of opinion that the Duke may carry away all trees now remaining in the forest without any other order or delivery. June 17, 1715.

Mr Vanbrugh's letter. 2 *pages.*

17 June. 59. Report of the same to the same, on the petition of Elizabeth, Countess of Kildare, as to the making and repairing of the deer pens, &c. in Cranbourn Chase, Windsor Forest. Is of opinion that these repairs should be done without delay, and estimates the expense at 39*l.* 5*s.* 4*d.* June 17, 1715.

Minuted:—"Ordered. Wt signed."

The petition. 2 *pages.*

20 June. 60. James Stanhope to the Lords of the Treasury. Encloses the particulars of a present which his Majesty wishes to be sent to the Dey of Tripoli by his Envoy. Desires them to give directions for providing the same, but not to exceed 500*l.* or thereabouts. Whitehall, 20 June 1715.

The proposed present was to consist of 40 barrels of gunpowder, brocades for 3 vests, a bale of fine cloth of several colours, 1 gold watch and two silver ones.

Minuted:—"15th July 1715. Order'd." 1 *page and a quarter.*

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24 June. 61. Memorial of Thomas Hewett to the Lords of the Treasury, as to windfall trees in Sherwood Forest, Nottinghamshire. Has had for about 20 years all windfall wood, as did his predecessors, as a perquisite. Begs to know their Lordships' pleasure as to the windfall trees in the above forest, as if allowed to lie there they will injure the other trees, besides suffering damage themselves. June 24, 1715.

Minuted:—"Read June 27, 1715." 1 *page.*

[? About 24 June.] 62. Account of moneys due to Mr Wise for works at Windsor and St James' Park, from Dec. 1712 to Midsummer 1715. 2 *pages.*

[Before 25 June.] 63. A paper headed:—"Orders signed for paying a quarter due to several persons of quality in Scotland at Midsum̃er, 1715, on their respective penc̃ons."

Similar orders for Lady-day quarter 1715 not taken out. 1 *page.*

25 June. 64. James Stanhope to the Lords of the Treasury. Transmits to them the petition of Bartholomew Jackson and the certificate thereunto annexed. The petitioner states that he was appointed Commissary of Provisions in Annapolis Royal by the Governor, Col. Samuel Vetch, and served as such from 4 Oct. 1710 to 6 Nov. 1713; prays therefore for an order for 4*s.* a day for the time during which he performed that office. His Majesty desires their Lordships to consider what is proper to be done for the petitioner's relief, and to give the necessary directions for the same. Whitehall, 25 June 1715.

Minuted:—"13th Sepr 1715. If this pretence has any foundation it is proper to be considered by the Comrs for stating the debts of the army."

The petition and the certificate of Col. Vetch. 3 *pages.*

27 June. 65. Report of Thomas Hewett (Surveyor-General of Woods) to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of the keepers of Whittlewood Forest. The petitioners pray for arrears of wages from Mich. 1705 to 19 July 1712, amounting in all to 169*l.* 1*s.* 4*d.* Finds that such arrears are due, and can raise the sum by the sale of dotard and decayed trees, if their Lordships approve thereof. June 27, 1715.

Minuted:—"A wt. Signed on Rec̃. Northton."

The petition. 2 *pages.*

28 June. 66. Report of R. Powys to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Capt. George Paddon. The petitioner was appointed plenipotentiary in negotiating a peace with the Emperor of Morocco. This having been concluded he begs to be repaid his disbursements in that office, and to be ordered such allowance as plenipotentiary as shall seem fit to his Majesty. His disbursements amounted to 2,302*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, of which he has received 1,072*l.*, so that he claims 1,230*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* as due to him. Finds that he was appointed plenipotentiary on 31 Jan. 1712–13, as he says. Suggests that he should be allowed 3*l.* a day from 31 Jan. 1712–13

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to 1 Aug. 1714, but Capt. Paddon insists on being paid up to Sep. 2. If he is allowed the pay of a plenipotentiary, 390*l.* of his disbursements must be borne out of that pay. The cost of his equipage is put down at 650*l.*, but no envoy or plenipotentiary has ever been allowed more than 500*l.* for that purpose. 28 June 1715.

Minuted:—"23rd Augt 1715. My Lords doe not find that the Queen ever granted a Privy Seale, or soe much as signifyed her pleasure to the Treasury for any allowance to be setled on him as a minister. And it seems to them that when the service was performed he was to have a reasonable gratuity for the same over and above the benefit of his comand in the Navy. Nor can he be allowed this demand wch appears to us unreasonable out of the Queen's arrears, without prejudiceing the servts to whom those arrears are due."

The petition and an account of his disbursements.

He had 42 persons in his retinue, and 69 of his Majesty's subjects were released from slavery through his instrumentality. 6 *pages.*

29 June. 67. Memorial of Henry Portman to the Lords of the Treasury. Has from the time of his appointment as Ranger of Hyde Park up to her late Majesty's death (from Midsummer 1703 to Aug. 1, 1714), expended various sums on repairs in the said park, amounting to 238*l.* 7*s.* Encloses an account of the particulars, and prays payment. Encloses also an account and estimate of repairs necessary to be done in Hyde Park. 29 June 1715.

Minuted:—"A wt for one year, from Midsr 1714 to Midsr 1715, on ye allowances of 200*l.* ꝑ añ each." "Wt signd."

The two accounts referred to. 3 *pages.*

30 June. 68. Memorial of the Comrs of the Equivalent to the Lords of the Treasury. In reply to their directions send (1) an estimate of the Equivalent due out of the Customs of Scotland for seven years, ending 1 May 1714, and (2), paper headed:—"The funds for which an equivalent has been due to Scotland since the 1st May 1714, and will be growing due for the future." The question about the deficiency of the Customs, viz., whether the subjects of Scotland ought to make it up, is by far too delicate and of too great importance for the Comrs of the Equivalent to say anything concerning it. There is no occasion to blend the duties of Customs and Excise together. If the Customs of Scotland ever yield 30,000*l.* per ann. the Equivalent will soon make up the deficiency of the first seven years, &c. Annex accounts. Pray for payment of so much out of the increase of Excise as will satisfy such of the creditors of the public in Scotland as should have been paid in ready money, &c. London, 30 June 1715.

The papers numbered 1 and 2 and the lower portion of the account only. 3½ *pages.*

[? About June.] 69. Petition of Thomas Hewitson, of North Shields, in the co. of Northumberland to the Lords of the Treasury, praying to be appointed a riding officer between Sunderland and the Tees, having filled the office of deputy searcher at Newcastle until laid aside for his great zeal to the Protestant succession.

Also copy of certificate in his favour. Dated 30 May 1715. 2 *pages.*

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2 July. 1. James Stanhope to the R^{t} Hon^{ble} the Earl of Carlisle, as to the case of Francis Manning, Esq., the late Secretary to the Republic of the Grisons. Has been informed that a stop has been put in the Treasury to the payment of M^{r} Manning's arrears, on the pretence that he did not return as soon as he was recalled. Is convinced, after examining into the reasons of his stay, that he could not have returned sooner than he did. Hopes that his Lordship will see fit to pay him to the time of his return home. Whitehall, 2 July 1715.

Minuted:—"4 July 1714. A copy of the report and w^{t} to be sent to M^{r} Secr̃y." [This must be a mistake for 1715, especially as the Earl of Carlisle was not a Lord of the Treasury till May 23, 1715.]

A letter headed "M^{r} Manning's case truly stated," &c., two bills of his extraordinaries, and a certificate signed "Bolingbroke." 8 *pages.*

[? About 5 July.] 2. Memorial of the Earl of Manchester to the King. Prays payment of [8,125*l.*], being the arrears of a pension of 1,500*l.* a year granted him by her late Majesty Queen Anne, for his services as Ambassador Extraordinary to Vienna and Venice. (French.)

Minuted:—"5th July 1715. To be considered when a distribuc͠on can be made to her late Majesties debts."

Copies of letters relating to the subject from Lords Godolphin, Halifax and Oxford, and a translation of the memorial. 6 *pages.*

5 July. 3. Com^{rs} of Customs, Scotland, to the Lords of the Treasury. Enclose an account from their officers at Aberdeen as to riots committed there, and observe that the presence of troops is absolutely necessary to prevent such outrages. The enclosure gives an account of assaults committed by mobs on the Custom Officers, and of the breaking open of the warehouse and Custom House at Aberdeen, and the carrying off of all the goods stored in them. Custom House, Edinburgh, 5th July 1715.

The enclosure. 4 *pages.*

5 July. 4. M^{r} Burchett to the Secretaries of the Treasury. Encloses a copy of a letter from the Lieutenant-Governor of Gibraltar, Col. Congreve, as to the need of provisions for that garrison. The Com^{rs} of Victualling informed the Lords of the Admiralty that the Lords

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of the Treasury had contracted with some persons to supply the garrison; requests them, therefore, to lay the enclosure before their Lordships. Admiralty Office, 5 July 1715.

Copy of Col. Congreve's letter, and an account of what provisions there are still at Gibraltar. 3 *pages.*

[? About 7 July.] 5. Lord Newborough to Lord Carlisle. Prays that a warrant may be drawn for the renewal of his patent as Steward of Richmond. Informs his Lordship that the accounts of the manor are before the auditor up to Lady-day 1714.

Minuted:—"7 July 1715. The Survr-Genll to state the incom of this Mannr, as also that of Hampton Court with the issues out the same, and how & to wt time they have been accõted for." 1 *page and a quarter.*

[? About 7 July.] 6. Memorial of the Honble John Campbell, Esq. to the Lords of the Treasury. The memorialist states that whereas there were formerly two Masters of the Works in North Britain, at a salary of 200*l.* a year each, his Majesty had appointed him sole Master of the Works, with the intention that he should receive ths salary of both. Their Lordships, however, had only ordered the payment to him of 200*l.* a year; prays therefore for the full salary of 400*l.* from the date of his present commission.

Minuted: "7 July 1715. My Lords would know if this office has at any time been in one person, what allowance that one person had." 1 *page.*

[? About 7 July.] 7. Memorial to the Lords of the Treasury of the Countess Dowager of Berkeley, executrix of Charles Earl of Berkeley, lately deceased. His late Majesty King William had ordered his Surveyor of Woods to raise 6,000*l.* by the cutting down and sale of timber, and pay that sum, as it was raised, to the said Earl of Berkeley (then Charles Viscount Dursley) as a reward for his good services, of which only 5,250*l.* has been paid. Prays therefore that the Surveyor of Woods may be directed to raise the remaining 750*l.* by the same means, and to pay it to the Countess. Among other kinds of woods she mentions "orle."

Minuted:—"7 July 1715. My Lords will speak with the Survr of the Woods before they determine hereupon." 1 *page.*

7 July. 8. Lord Townshend to the Lords of the Treasury. Transmits the draft of a warrant for granting to Windsor Sandys, Esq., all wrecks, &c. between latitudes 12° and 27° north in the West Indies, that their Lordships may fill up the blanks in the same. Whitehall, 7th July 1715.

Minuted:—"14 July. Lre to Lord Townshend that my Lords thinke it reasonable that $\frac{1}{10}$th part should be reserved to his Maty out of Mr Sandys his grant as is reserved in Mr Randyll's." *Again:* "Sent away 15th do."

The enclosure not now with it. 1 *page.*

7 July. 9. James Stanhope to the Lords of the Treasury. Transmits to their Lordships the petition of the Comrs for the demolition of Dunkirk, who pray for a reward for the trouble and expense in

that office. His Majesty thinks an allowance should be made them in proportion to their several services. Requests them to state what they think is reasonable, with a particular regard for the time Sir James Abercromby has been employed, and the expense he has been put to. Whitehall, 7 July 1715.

Minuted :—" 11th July 1715. My Lords are wholly strangers to the subject-matter of the petition, but are of opinion that whatever his Maty shall think fit to gratifie the petrs with, should come out of the contingents of the army, and not out of the Civil List money." 2 *pages*.

7 July. 10. Petition of Thomas Hammond of London, merchant, to the Lords of the Treasury. The petitioner had suffered great losses by the late war, and become indebted to the Crown. Upon an extent being issued against him he discovered and assigned to the Crown more than sufficient to pay the debt, had not two of his ships been afterwards sunk. His petiton having been favourably considered by the Treasury, the Attorney-General, and Comrs of Customs, he obtained his liberty and leave to apply to Parliament for an Act to impower the Lord Treasurer to compound with him. His petition was reported on favourably by a Committee of the House, but there being none of the Lords of the Treasury, or their Secretary, present, to signify to the Speaker that he had such leave, the petition was ordered to lie on the table. Prays their Lordships to signify to the House that he has their consent to apply to Parliament. 7th July 1715. *At the foot is* :—A certificate in his favour with 19 signatures, a report of a Committee of the House of Commons, a former petition, and a report of the Comrs of Customs.

Minuted :—" Read, 25th July 1715." 5 *pages*.

7 July. 11. Representation to the Lords of the Treasury from the Court of Directors of the East India Company as to unrated goods. At a meeting between a Committee of the Court and the Comrs of Customs, it was offered on behalf of the Company that such a rate might be set upon their unrated goods as should answer the same sum which the duties would have amounted to by the new method of computation for 20 years past. East India House, 7 July 1715.

A paper of observations made by John Crookshanks on the arguments about unrated East India goods, and " an abstract of 3 clauses in an Act 2 & 3 Anne, cap. 9, relating to unrated East India goods." 7 *pages*.

13 July. 12. Lord Townshend to the Lords of the Treasury. Signifying his Majesty's pleasure that 500*l*. be paid to the Earl of Forfar, his Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary to the King of Prussia, for camp equipage and other extraordinary expenses of a campaign which he has orders to make with the said king in Pomerania. Whitehall, 13 July 1715.

Minuted :—" Wt sign'd." 1 *page*.

13 July. 13. Copy of report of the Barons of the Exchequer of Scotland to the Lords of the Treasury, on a petition (not now annexed) in respect

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to claim of exemption of the owners or proprietors of sugaries as well from the inland Excise for spirits, the produce of their manufactories, as from customs in respect to sugars imported. [There was a suit then pending in relation to these sugar duties, and the petitioners had cast reflections on the Court.] It seems equitable and right that the exemption should be carried no further than to excuse them from so much duty as they were exempted from before the Union. 13 July 1715. 3 *pages.*

14 July. 14. Report of Hugh Cholmley, Esq., Surveyor-General, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Robert Hyde, Esq. The petitioner states that there was granted to him by her late Majesty Catherine, Queen Dowager, the lease of the manor of Hanbridge, and other lands in the county and city of Chester, parcel of the late monastery of Chester, for 12½ years, from 30 Sept. 1717, under the yearly rent of 50*l.* 4*s.* 6*d.* Prays that his lease may be renewed to fill up his present term to 31 years, under the former yearly rent. Finds that his statements are true, and that the premises are valued at 193*l.* 6*s.* per annum. Is of opinion that the petition may be granted at the former rent for a fine of 180*l.* 14 July, 1715.

Minuted:—"18th Septr 1716. These lands are granted to the Prince."

The petition. 3 *pages.*

14 July. 15. Tho. Lambe to John Taylor, Esq. By the Duke of Bolton's desire asks him to move the Lords of the Treasury for a dormant warrant for 70*l.* per ann. to him as Lord Warden of the New Forest for repair of his Majesty's house at Lyndhurst in that forest. July 14, 1715.

Minuted:—"Read 15th July 1715. A warrt to be p̃pared in the usuall manner." 1 *page.*

14 July. 16. A paper headed, "An account of what money has arisen for tin sold in London and elsewhere from 1 July 1714 to 1 July 1715." The total amounts to 154,018*l.* 5*s.* 8*d.* *At the foot is:*—"July 14th 1715. This morning I received from Dr Francis Fauquier, the Deputy Agent for the Sales of Tin in the Tower, the account above written of the sales during the last year. Is. Newton." 1 *page.*

[? About 14 July.] 17. Petition of Nehemiah Arnold, Paymaster of the Malt Lottery Tickets, to the Lords of the Treasury, for allowance of official salaries already paid to Mich. 1712, and for the two last years.

Minuted:—"Read 14th July 1715. The Auditor's report and my Lord's warrant are read, so that this matter is finally determined." 1 *page.*

15 July. 18. Officers of Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury. Pray to be ordered 18,000*l.*, which will be what is due to the office up to the last of next September, and which will enable them to pay off all that remains due on the head of lands purchased for fortifications. Also pray for 1,416*l.* 4*s.* 3*d.* to pay the half-pay officers—[Office of] Ordnance. 15 July 1715.

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A duplicate of the above of the same date, but with one less signature.

This second *minuted*:—"27th July 1715, 18,000li ordered." 2 *pages.*

16 July. 19. Petition to the Lords of the Treasury of William Vanbrugh in behalf of himself and others appointed Comrs for stating the debts of his late Majesty King William. Were appointed by her late Majesty the Queen, and have served three years, for which they have as yet received nothing, and only a small portion of their expenses. Pray for suitable payment out of her late Majesty's arrears. July 16, 1715.

Minuted:—"19th July 1715. Read. To be consider'd when a distribucōn is made of the late Queen's debts." 1 *page.*

16 July. 20. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury on a memorial from the Comrs of Customs for Scotlaud. Are of opinion that the loss to the revenue by collusive seizures and appraisement of goods seized at undervalue, may be prevented by an Act of Parliament subjecting French wines and brandies seized to the payment of the full duties to the Crown; the officers to have the overplus after payment of those duties. Cannot agree with the Comrs for Scotland, that a constant bidder should be appointed for the King in the Court of Exchequer. Custom House, London, 16 July 1715.

Minuted:—"Send an extract of so much as relates to the wines & brandy under seizure at Inverness to the Comrs Customes in Scotland to act therein accordingly, if they have no objeccōn. Lre̅ sent, 20th ditto."

The memorial referred to, and a paper giving an account of seizures of brandy and wines condemned in the Court of Exchequer, Scotland, for four terms, with the King's moiety, present duty, and loss to the Crown thereon. 4 *pages.*

[About 19 July.] 21. Petition of James Heymans to the Lords of the Treasury. Was storekeeper of wines to their late Majesties King William and Queen Anne; was also yeoman of the field to King William, and while attending his Majesty in that capacity, hunting, got a severe fall in following his Majesty at Loo, from which he never entirely recovered. Was appointed by Queen Anne Surveyor of the Winetasters in the Port of London, and the late Earl of Halifax promised that he should be allowed to transfer this place to his son, Anthony Heymans. Prays for the grant of this favour in return for his 34 years' service.

Minuted:—"19th July 1715. Granted." 1 *page.*

20 July. 22. Col. A. Oughton to Mr Lucy. The King was well pleased with his and Mr High Sheriff's readiness to do all in their power for his service; and this zeal is all the more welcome at this time since these rebellions at home are threatened to be immediately supported from abroad, whence yesterday an express brought news that the Pretender and all his friends were about to attempt an invasion.

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This news his Majesty at once communicated to both Houses of Parliament, who instantly came to the most vigorous resolutions to defend his Majesty. The House of Commons addressed the King to issue commissions immediately for augmenting the forces by sea and land. Has the Lord Chancellor's commands to get from the clerk of the peace, without delay, an exact list of the Commission of the Peace, with a mark against such as are dead. Not being known to their own clerk of the peace begs him (M^{r} Lucy) to do that business with him as soon as possible, as he is told he lives in his neighbourhood. The Duke of Montagu sends his orders to the High Sheriff in relation to the Militia and Lieutenancy, and desires that he (M^{r} Lucy) will lend him his assistance in the execution of them. Cock Pit, 20 July, 1715.

Copy of a letter from Lord Townshend to the High Sheriff of the county of Warwick. The King having heard that riots have begun to take place at Birmingham, and fearing that they may spread as they have done in the county of Stafford, desires him to put the laws against riots duly into execution. He is to call out the posse comitatus, and repair to Birmingham, or any other place in the co. of Warwick where riots are threatening, and if he finds such riots still going on, to quell them at once, and punish the offenders with the utmost rigour of the law. Whitehall, 20 July 1715.

On the back is:—"If any occac̄ōn to send to M^{r} Lucy, direct for him at Charlcott by Kington Bagg, Warwickshire." 3 *pages.*

21 July. 23. James Stanhope to the Lords of the Treasury. Signifies to them his Majesty's pleasure that they should forthwith give directions to the officers of the Customs at the several ports of the kingdom to examine all passengers on ships coming in or going out of the kingdom. If any fail to give a satisfactory account of themselves a warrant for their detention is to be obtained from the nearest justice of the peace until further directions be received concerning them from one of the Secretaries of State. Whitehall, 21 July 1715.

Minuted:—"Lr̃es to Com^{rs} Customes in England & Scotland sent same day pursuant to his Ma^{ts} pleasure signifyd in this Lr̃e." 1 *page.*

21 July. 24. Memorial of M^{r} Archibald Douglas, General Receiver of Taxes in Scotland, to ——, concerning the land tax in Scotland, stating the sum he has remitted to M^{r} James Douglas, merchant in London, to be paid into the Exchequer, the arrears still due from the country of which a list of particulars is annexed, the amount of cash he has in hand, and the reasons for this cash being so in hand. Has paid up to the Exchequer all the preceding year's land tax, without a sixpence of loss to the Government, and has never made the least profit, directly or indirectly, by remitting or retaining the said cash.

At the foot is a certificate, signed by the Barons of the Exchequer (Scotland), attesting the truth of these statements. Edinburgh, 21 July 1715.

The particulars of the arrears of land tax referred to, and a state of the land tax for North Britain for 1714. 4 *pages.*

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21 July. 25. Eight letters from the Duke of Shrewsbury to the Lords of the Treasury. Signifying his Majesty's pleasure that their Lordships should give orders for the payment of various sums to Sir Clement Cotterell, Master of the Ceremonies, as presents to the various foreign ministers who were leaving the Court. All written from the Cockpit, and the first dated 3 June 1715, and the last 21 July 1715.

The ministers mentioned are,—

Prince Kourakin, "Embassador" from the Czar of Muscovy.
Mons. Petkum, Resident of the Duke of Holstein.
Mons. Nareskin, minister from the Czar of Muscovy.
Marquis Ranuccini, Envoy Extraordinary from the Duke of Florence.
Count Coningseck, minister from the Emperor. (*Minuted:* "W^{t} signd").
Count Efferen, Count Schonborn, and Baron D'Imhoff, Envoys Extraordinary from "the Electors of Palatine Mentz, and Duke of Woolfenbottle" (*minuted:* "Warr^{ts} signd").
One of the letters is for payment of 300*l.* to Madam Grote, the widow of the late envoy from Hanover, and 350*l.* to the daughter of the late Envoy from the States General, Mrs. Kennedys (*minuted:* "W^{t} signd").

On the back of the one relating to Prince Kourakin is *minuted:*— "1,000l^{i} was issued to him on or about the 19th July 1711"; on that relating to Mons. Nareskin, "(300l^{i}) used formerly to be allowd to all envoyes;" and on 3 others, "W^{t} signd." 8 *pages.*

22 July. 26. Lawrence Ambrose to the Hon^{ble} William Lowndes, Esq. Has been desired by M^{r} Howland, one of the Com^{rs} for the Land Tax acting in the Hundreds of Banehurst, Cookham, and Bray, to acquaint the Lords of the Treasury that the arrears for some time past being still unsettled for the lands and parks about Windsor, "and process being issued out against them, they refuse to meet and put the present Act of Parliament into execution until the settlement aforesaid be made." 22 July 1715.

Minuted:—"Read." 22 July 1715. 1 *page.*

23 July. 27. Earl of Sunderland, Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland, to the Lords of the Treasury. Transmits to their Lordships a letter from the Lords Justices of Ireland representing the want of three new State canopies, with chairs and stools, for the service of the Lord-Lieutenant of that Kingdom, the cost of which will be 704*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* Desires their Lordships to procure his Majesty's letter as soon as possible for that sum to be applied to the aforesaid use. London, July 23, 1715.

Minuted:—"Warr^{t} signd.

The letter referred to. 2 *pages.*

23 July. 28. James Stanhope to the Lords of the Treasury. His Majesty's service requiring the immediate despatch of Col. Durand for Minorca, reminds their Lordships of his letter to them of the 8th, by which he signifies his Majesty's pleasure that the Colonel should be paid 30*s.* a day out of the revenues of Minorca. If orders to this effect have not been already given, begs they may at once be issued. Whitehall, 23 July 1715.

On the back is a memorandum of a resolution of 9 June 1714, which seems to have given rise to this letter.

Attached to the former letter is a letter from the same to the same, enclosing a project as to the place of Surveyor-General in Minorca, and signifying his Majesty's approval of the same, and his pleasure that their Lordships should give directions for paying out of the revenues of Minorca 20*s.* a day to the Lieutenant-Governor of that island, and 30*s.* a day to the Chief Engineer there. From the project it appears that this 20*s.* a day to the Lieut.-Governor was to be additional pay, and that this and the Chief Engineer's pay was to be defrayed out of the income formerly received by the Surveyor-General of the island, whose office was to be abolished. Whitehall, 8 July 1715.

Minuted:—"10th August 1715. There is no provision made by Parliamt for this expence, and my Lords do not think it reasonable to be paid out of the Civil List."

Again:—"A wt signed out of the Revenues of Minorca."

The project referred to. 3 *pages.*

26 July. 29. Board of Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury. Have received, by Mr. Secretary Stanhope's letter of the 15th inst., orders that Col. Durand be at once despatched to Minorca to carry on necessary works there, and also that a ship be sent out freighted with materials for that service. Were also by the same letter informed that his Majesty would order their Lordships to pay the Ordnance Office the expense of this service, and also 1,000*l.* per month for the continuance thereof. Pray, therefore, for payment of 2,965*l.* 10*s.*, being the enclosed estimate of the demand made at present by Col. Durand, and also of the monthly sum of 1,000*l.*, as no money has been given by Parliament to their office for this service. Office of Ordnance, 26 July 1715.

The demand referred to. 2 *pages.*

26 July. 30. A memorandum of the orders at the Treasury relating to the paying for the tin of the last two coinages. 26 July 1715. 1 *page.*

27 July. 31. Lord Townshend to the Lords of the Treasury. The King, being very well satisfied with the loyalty and zeal of Mr. Oswald Mosley, High Sheriff of Staffordshire, in endeavouring to suppress the late riots in the said county, requests their Lordships to order the payment of 500*l.* to the said Mr. Mosley, or his assigns, as a recompense thereof, and for the extraordinary expenses he may have been at. Whitehall 27 July 1715.

Minuted:—"Ordered." 2 *pages.*

28 July. 32. Report of the Comrs for Hides to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of the Rt Honble the Earl of Carnarvon, as to 797*l.* 12s. paid by Mr Whitingham, late Receiver-General of part of Lincolnshire, for recruits in 1708. Are of opinion that that sum should be paid on his account of the Land Tax, 1708. 28 July 1715.

Minuted :—"Agreed but know of y^{e} E. of Canarvon what is due to clear the reg^{t}, late Faringdon's, now Lord Mark Kerr's."
Again :—"27 July 1716. A lr̃e sent."
Four enclosures. 13 *pages.*

[July 1715 or later]. 33. Memorial of Col. Clement Nevill to the Lords of His Majesty's Treasury. Was appointed paymaster to all the British and Foreign prisoners in Spain for 1711 and 1712. Was unable to obtain his quietus till 12 July inst., and, not knowing the expenses attending the passing public accounts, only gave himself credit for 50*l.*; but, as will be seen from the annexed account of fees he paid, it cost him 127*l.* 14*s.* 10*d.* to pass his accounts; prays therefore for 77*l.* 14*s.* 10*d.* the balance due to him.

The account on the second page of the petition. 2 *pages.*

[? About Aug.] 34. Memorial of Sir Nathaniel Meade, Under-Steward of his Majesty's manor and liberty of Havering-atte-Bower, in the county of Essex. The jury at a Court Leet for the manor present that Rumford Bridge is decayed and ready to fall, and requires rebuilding; prays that the receiver, to whom the rents are paid, may be directed to pay the sum when required.

Also the presentment of the jury. 2 *pages.*

9 May and 1 Aug. 35. Three papers numbered respectively 12, 26, and 42, *docquetted* as follows :—No. 12. "A state of her late Ma^{ts} revenues at the time of her death, distinguishing the money that was at that time in the Excheq^{r} applicable to the uses of the Civil Government, what paid into the Excheq^{r} since on that acco^{t}, and how it has been applyed, what remaines in money or other effects to discharge the debts of her Ma^{ts} Civil Governm^{t}, and what those debts are." ? About 9 May 1715. No. 26. "An estimate of the debts owing to the Civil Government at the time of her late Ma^{ts} demise, and of what remained in y^{e} Excheq^{r} and was farther expected to come towards satisfying the same." Undated. No. 42. "An account of the late Queen's debts, and how much thereof paid, &c." 1 August 1715. 6 *pages.*

1 Aug. 36. An abstract of the Civil List revenues from 1st Aug. 1714 to 1st Aug. 1715.

Two duplicates of one of the papers included in the abstract. 10 *pages.*

3 Aug. 37. Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury. Have received from one William Colebrook a Treasury warrant for his appointment as tidewaiter in the port of London. Have secured the said Colebrook, as the warrant (a copy of which they annex) appeared to be a forgery. The prisoner, on being examined by Sir Charles Peers, declared that he had it from a Mr. Jones who called himself the Earl of Carlisle's steward. Sir Charles has committed Colebrook to the Poultry Compter, and they pray for directions as to proceeding against him. Custom House, London, 3 Aug. 1715.

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Minuted:—"Read 4th Aug. 1714. The Sollr of the Customes to prosecute the offendr."

The copy referred to. 2 *pages*.

8 Aug. 38. A paper as to certain changes in respect to the Window Duty Officers in the counties of Radnor, Brecon and Montgomery, Cardigan, and Carmarthen. 8 Aug. 1715.

Minuted:—"Send a copy to the Comrs to know if they have no objection." 2 *pages, quarto*.

8 Aug. 39. Two papers (1) a valuation of windfall timber, and (2) a valuation of damaged trees requiring to be cut down in his Majesty's woods of Birkland and Billagh, Sherwood Forest, taken by Mr John Hodgson, of Hull, carpenter, and Mr Matthew Northall, of Wharncliff Lodge, woodward, in the presence of Thomas Hewett, Esq., Surveyor-General of his Majesty's Woods. The trees referred to were blown down and damaged by the gale of 1 Feb. 1714. Both dated 8th Aug. 1715, and headed "Com. Nott." 2 *pages*.

[After 8 Aug.] 40. An account of 3,607*l*. 10*s*. 0*d*. issued at the Receipt of his Majesty's Exchequer to Thomas Lowther, and the names of the persons to whom it was paid. The date of the last payment is 8 August. 3 *pages*.

9 Aug. 41. Memorial of Walter Chetwynd, Esq., to the Lords of the Treasury, as to several works necessary to be done in St. James's Park. August 9, 1715.

Minuted:—"31st August 1715. Ref. to the Board of Workes." 1 *page*.

9 Aug. 42. Report of the Comrs of the Salt Duties to the Lords of the Treasury on the annexed representation of Zephaniah Lumley. The representation sets forth that the exporters of pilchards draw back from the salt revenue on exportation above 50,000*l*. per annum more than they pay for the duties on the salt used in curing the pilchards, and proposes remedies for the same. The Comrs say they have often represented to the Treasury that the allowances on exported fish are at least as much again as the salt used in curing the same. They also give an account of payments into the Exchequer, and for fish exported for several years, to show the loss to the revenue. This revenue also suffers largely from the excessive allowances made for waste on salt and rock salt carried coastwise, on salt shipped for Ireland, and from other causes. To remedy these defects have prepared certain clauses for an Act of Parliament, which they annex for their Lordships' consideration. Salt Office, 9 Aug. 1715.

The enclosures referred to. 18 *pages or parts of pages*.

9 Aug. 43. Lord Townshend to the Lords of the Treasury. Signifies his Majesty's pleasure that their Lordships should give directions for paying 1,500*l*. for secret intelligence to General Cadogan, his

Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the States General, and at the Congress at Antwerp. Whitehall, 9 Aug. 1715.

Minuted:—"A warrt for 1,500li to Genll Cadogan for secret intelligence." 1½ *pages*.

9 Aug. 44. Lord Townshend to the Lords of the Treasury. Signifies his Majesty's pleasure that their Lordships give orders for issuing 10,000*l*. to the Treasurer of the Prince of Wales for the use of his Royal Highness' family. Whitehall, August 9, 1715.

Minuted:—"Wt signed." 1 *page*.

9 Aug. 45. The same to the same. Signifying his Majesty's pleasure that their Lordships pay 500*l*. to Leonard Welsted, gent., for his Majesty's special service.—Whitehall, Aug. 9, 1715.

Minuted:—"Wt signed." 1 *page*.

10 Aug. 46. James Stanhope to the Lords of the Treasury. His Majesty having appointed Capt. George Paddon his Plenipotentiary to the Emperor of Morocco, desires their Lordships to give directions for paying him what they find is due for his previous performance of the office. Whitehall, August 10, 1715. 1 *page*.

11 Aug. 47. James Fury to the Hon. Mr Robathon. Has heard that a warrant has passed from General Stanhope's office to the Treasury for the payment of 700*l*. to the Earl of Peterborough for contingent charges on account of his embassy. As that sum has not yet been ordered by the Treasury to be paid to his Lordship, prays that payment of it may be stopped till Mrs Schir's demand be entirely satisfied. August 11, 1715.

Minuted:—"Caveat entred."

Copy of a Bill of Exchange, petition of the widow Schir (French), and two memoranda relating to the same subject. 8 *pages*.

[? About 12 Aug.] 48. Memorial of Samuel Edwin, Usher of the Exchequer, to the Lords of the Treasury, seeking for warrants to be drawn to direct the Auditor and Chancellor of the Exchequer to pass his accounts for necessaries for the old offices, the lotteries, and other new offices; this being rendered necessary by the demise of her late Majesty.

Minuted:—"12th August 1715. My Lords order Mr Edwin to bring his last dormant warrant, and then they will consider of the same, and of the report made by the Commrs for making out Lottery orders." ½ *page*.

15 Aug. 49. Bill of Mrs Rebecca Starr for 50*l*. due to her for eight weeks' board and lodging, coach hire, &c., to Don Bentura De Zara, ambassador from the Emperor of Morocco. 15 Aug. 1715.

A duplicate with the addition of a few words. 2 *pages*.

[There is the following notice of this ambassador in the *Minute Book*, Vol. 20, p. 141, 26 Aug. 1715: "Upon reading a lr̃e from Mr Secry Stanhope, signifying his Mats pleasure that 500li be paid to such person as my Lords shall thinke fit, to pay in the first place the charge of the funeral of Don Bentura de Zary, Ambr from the

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Emperor of Morocco, and the next, towards discharging his debts. My Lords do order that Mr Room, the undertaker, do take care of the said funeral in the most decent manner that may be, yet so as that the whole charge thereof shall on no acco^{t} exceed 100^{li}, w^{ch} he is to be paid for by the hands of Mr Lowther."]

15 Aug. 50. Petition to the King, of Anne Rochford, praying for the lease of a small piece of land belonging to his Majesty's stables at Charing Cross, and adjoining her house. (French).

Referred by the Duke of Richmond to the Lords of the Treasury to report thereon. Aug. 15, 1715.

On the back is:—"The Surv^{r} having waited on y^{e} D. of Somerset, saies he doth not [t]hinke it prop that such a lease [s]hould pass as is desired." 1 *page.*

16 Aug. 51. Copy of a letter from Lord Townshend to the High Sheriff of Warwickshire. Has received his letter of the 29th of last month, and several other letters and accounts from him as to his conduct in suppressing the riots in Warwickshire. Is commanded by his Majesty to express his satisfaction at the loyalty and zeal he displayed in that matter. Whitehall, 16 Aug. 1715. 1 *page.*

16 Aug. 52. James Stanhope to the Lords of the Treasury. Signifies his Majesty's pleasure that they give directions for purchasing a jewel, price not exceeding 100*l.*, as an additional present to the Emperor of Morocco, and also for purchasing a quantity of cloth, not exceeding 50*l.* in value, as a present for the Alcaide of Alcazar. Both presents are to be delivered to Capt. Paddon, who is to be sent on his Majesty's business to the Emperor of Morocco. Whitehall, Aug. 16, 1715. 1 *page.*

16 Aug. 53. "A schedule of the several copies made for the Earl of Oxford by direction of the House of Lords, from papers, accounts, estimates, reports, letters, warrants, and other papers in the Treasury."

Also the order of the House of Lords giving leave for the copies to be made, and a paper, signed E. Lewis, desiring the Secretaries of the Treasury to cause the copies to be made. Dated 16 Aug. 1715. 4½ *pages.*

19 Aug. 54. Lord Townshend to the Lords of the Treasury. Signifies his Majesty's pleasure that Margaret Lady Sharpe's pension of 300*l.* a year on the establishment for civil officers in Scotland be henceforth determined; and also that 300*l.* a year be added to the salary of William Stuart, Esq., one of his Majesty's Remembrancers in the Court of Exchequer in Scotland. Whitehall, Aug. 19, 1715.

Minuted:—"26th August 1715. Read. To be laid before the King."

Again:—"W^{t} to be prepared." 2 *pages.*

[About 19 Aug.] 55. Petition to the Lords of the Treasury of Thomas Fallows, Doctor in Physic, and now prisoner in the King's Bench Prison in Southwark. [More fully described under 26 Dec. 1715.] Prays, in consideration of his innocence, that his fine may be remitted.

Referred to Anthony Cracherode, Esq., his Majesty's Solicitor for the Treasury, to report upon. 19 Aug. 1715.

Also an affidavit, signed "Elizabeth Oliver." 2 *pages.*

20 Aug. 56. Report of Auditor E. Harley to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of the Hon. Edward Stawell, Esq., praying to be reimbursed the incident expenses incurred by him as Comptroller of the 1,800,000*l.* Lottery for 1712, and that his security may be discharged. Certifies that these incident expenses amount to 113*l.* 17*s.* 3*d.*, &c. 20 Aug. 1715. 2 *pages.*

22 Aug. 57. Charles Carkesse to W^m^ Lowndes and Jn. Taylour, Esquires, Secretaries to the Lords of the Treasury. Had in his letter of the 17th inst. transmitted to them three affidavits received from Bristol to prove that Harry Browne, a King's waiter at that port, had drunk the Pretender's health. Incloses, by direction of the Com^rs^, a letter from James Browne, one of the land surveyors there, concerning the said Harry Browne, in order that it, too, may be laid before their Lordships. Custom House, London, 22 Aug. 1715.

The letter of the 17th, James Browne's letter, and the three affidavits referred to, besides two others, which state that no health whatever was drunk. 7 *pages.*

24 Aug. 58. James Stanhope to the Lords of the Treasury. Signified to their Lordships, by his letter of the 8th past, his Majesty's pleasure that they should provide a present for the Dey of Algiers. There being now an occasion of conveying it to Algiers by M^r^ Thomas Thomson, brother to H.M. Consul there, his Majesty desires their Lordships to have it delivered to M^r^ Thomson. Whitehall, 24 August, 1715.

The letter of the 8th July referred to, *minuted*:—"15^th^ July 1715. Order'd. M^r^ Thompson to provide the presents & lay patterns of them before their Lordships."

Also a letter from Robert Knight, South Sea House, to John Taylour, Esq., recommending M^r^ Thomas Thomson for this business, and a memorandum of what articles the present was to consist. 4 *pages.*

24 Aug. 59. Geo. Trenchard to ——. His Majesty, about six weeks ago, renewed M^r^ Taverner's commission as Surveyor of Newfoundland, and at the same time ordered the Lords of the Treasury, by one of his Secretaries of State, to pay him his arrears. Begs him to represent the case of Mr. Taverner to the Board that the payment of his salary may be expedited. Lytchet, Aug. 24.

An account of what passed in the Treasury respecting M^r^ Taverner, the last entry of which states that on 30th May 1715, M^r^ Secretary Stanhope acquainted the Lords of the Treasury with the King's wish that M^r^ Taverner should have his arrears of pay; also a letter from Lord Bolingbroke to the L^d^ High Treasurer on the same subject. 6 *pages.*

25 Aug. 60. Capt. G. Paddon to the Lords of the Treasury. Has seen a minute of their Lordships to the effect that as he had no privy seal

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for an allowance when he went to Morocco, he was only entitled for a reasonable gratuity for the performance of that service. Pleads ignorance of the forms of the office, and prays payment of 1,230*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, still due to him for disbursements in that service, especially as he succeded in making a perpetual peace, and brought away 69 captives. Prays also for an allowance for the year and seven months, during which he was thus employed, that he may be enabled to proceed a second time to Morocco, in obedience to his Majesty's commands. London, Aug. 25, 1715.

Minuted:—"25th Augt 1715. To be brought in to-morrow morning." 4 *pages.*

25 Aug. 61. Report of John Crookshanks to the Lords of the Treasury concerning the Equivalent. Has perused the annexed draft of a Bill relating to the accounts of the Equivalent, and is of opinion that though the design of the Bill is very prudent and commendable, the powers granted to the Comrs would be too extensive. 3 *pages.*

25 Aug. 62. James Stanhope to the Lords of the Treasury. Signifies his Majesty's pleasure that their Lordships give directions for paying such bills as shall be drawn upon them by the Lords Justices of Ireland for defraying the expense of the transportation of Preston's, Sabine's, and Windress' regiments from Ireland to England. Whitehall, 25 Aug. 1715. 1 *page.*

26 Aug. 63. Report of the Comrs of Revenue, Ireland, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Abraham Boden, who had been arrested in England as a defaulter in his accounts. Believe that the petitioner and his family are reduced to great extremities, and that he cannot lessen the balance charged upon him, and that only 700*l.* from the securities can be depended on. Custom House, Dublin, 26 Aug. 1715.

Minuted:—"12th July 1716. The Comrs to proceed with all speed in getting in what possibly may be towards satisfying this debt. Lr̃e writ." 2½ *pages.*

26 Aug. 64. Report of the Comrs of Revenue (Ireland) to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Elizabeth Hobson, widow of Capt. Samuel Hobson, late collector of Wexford. Have been informed that the vouchers and certificates which could support the statements in the petition, have been lost; they believe, however, that they were produced in Aug. 1713 to the then Comrs of Revenue (Ireland), as they find in their books a report made to them on the case, a copy of which they annex. Custom House Dublin, 26 Aug. 1715.

The copy of the former report, dated 15 Aug. 1713, from which it appears that Capt. Hobson was, in return for supplying arms, &c. to the city of Londonderry when it was besieged, and for other services (one of which was going express to Genl Kirk when lying in the Lough of Londonderry) made collector of Wexford, and that at the time of his death he owed to her Majesty, 1,364*l.* 12*s.* 10⅞*d.*, for the recovery of which the Comrs of Revenue had prosecuted his security. 3 *pages.*

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27 Aug. 65. James Stanhope to the Lords of the Treasury. Signifies his Majesty's pleasure that they pay 100*l.* to Dr. Don Sanches, Assessor of Minorca, who is going to return thither in a few days, and also that they provide him with a medal, not exceeding 30*l.* in value. Whitehall, 27 August 1715. 1 *page.*

29 Aug. 66. Sam. Edwards to the Lords of the Treasury. The establishment for the French, Dutch, and Lutheran Chapels having been appointed upon the Cofferer's Office, informs their Lordships that 1,247*l.* 11*s.* 8*d.* is wanting to discharge the 11 months, grown due upon that additional establishment, from 1 Aug. 1714 to 30 June 1715. Cofferer's Office, 29 Aug. 1715.

Minuted:—"Orderd. Lr̃e writ & sign'd 29th Augst 1715." 1 *page.*

29 Aug. 67. Copy of an Order in Council referring the annexed petition of Mr Stephen Duport in behalf of Capt. Andrew Thauvet, an inhabitant of St. Christopher's, to the Board of Trade to report upon. The petition prays that a grant of lands in the French quarter of that island, made in 1696 by Christopher Codrington, Esq., then Governor of the Leeward Islands, to this Capt. Thauvet, a French refugee, may be confirmed to him. Council Chamber, Whitehall, 29 Aug. 1715.

Minuted:—"Read Augst 16th 1716." The petition is written on the back of the Order in Council. 3 *pages.*

29 Aug. 68. Lord Townshend to the Lords of the Treasury. Signifying his Majesty's pleasure that they issue 100*l.* to Lt-Col. John Husk, to defray the charges of a journey made by him to and from Paris for his Majesty's particular service. Whitehall, Aug. 29, 1715. 1 *page.*

30 Aug. 69. Lord Townshend to the Lords of the Treasury. Signifying his Majesty's pleasure that they supply the Duke of Argyle with a credit not exceeding 10,000*l.*, he having been ordered to repair to North Britain and take the command of the army there. Whitehall, Aug. 30, 1715. 1 *page.*

30 Aug. 70. Memorial from the Board of Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury for 117,997*l.* 8*s.* 9*d.*, which sum is absolutely necessary to enable them to carry on the several services depending in their office. Office of Ordnance, 30 August 1715.

Minuted:—13 September 1715. Read."

A copy of the above, the only essential difference being that it is dated 26 Aug. 1715.

Also accounts of payments, &c. in the office numbered 1 and 2. 6 *pages.*

31 Aug. 71. James Stanhope to the Lords of the Treasury. Refers to two former letters, and signifies his Majesty's pleasure that they direct the Receiver-General of H.M. Revenue of Minorca, to pay out of the same 30*s.* a day to Col. Durand, who has been ordered thither, and 20*s.* a day to the Lieut.-Governor of that island. Both payments to commence from 25th March last. Whitehall, 31 Aug. 1715.

Minuted:—"Read 3 Sep^{r}.' Q.: who is the Rec^{r} Gen^{ll} of Minorca, and by what appointm^{t}." 1 *page.*

[? About end of Aug.] 72. Memorial of David Pouchoud to the King. Was appointed "introductor," etc. to the Ministers assembled at Utrecht for the negotiation of peace. It has been customary for those thus employed to receive a present from all the princes and ministers who have concluded the peace. Has received presents from all but the ministers of Great Britain. Prays therefore that his Majesty will show him the same favour that the other Kings have. (French.)

A certificate in his favour signed: "August 23rd 1715. Joh. London."

Minuted:—"Warr^{t} sign'd." 3 *pages.*

— Aug. 73. "Petition of M^{r} Churchill & M^{r} Saunderson." A paper thus docquetted, being a bill for various sets of *Rymers Fœdera.*

The first entry is for 16 vols. to his Royal Highness the Prince in 1714, and the last for the 14th, 15th, and 16th vols. to Mr. Leibnitz. *At the foot is:*—"This the last bill p^{d} Aug. 1715." 1 *page, quarto.*

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2 Sept. 1. James Stanhope to the Lords of the Treasury. Signifying his Majesty's pleasure that 3*l.* a day be issued out of the Civil List to the Com^{rs} for inspecting the demolition of the fortifications of Dunkirk, for as long as each of them has resided there. It is also his Majesty's pleasure that their Lordships give orders for satisfying bills drawn by Sir James Abercrombie, one of the Com^{rs}, for 1,100*l.* Whitehall, 2 Sept. 1715.

Minuted:—"Warr prepared." 2 *pages.*

[? About 3 Sept.] 2. A general state of the King of Portugal's subsidy from 30 June 1705 to 31 Dec. 1712. Also two papers relating to contracts for rations, etc.

Minuted:—"3^{d} Sept^{r} 1715. Lr̃e signed for 500ł." 7¼ *pages.*

6 Sept. 3. James Stanhope to the Lords of the Treasury. His Majesty has continued M^{r} John Bridger, Surveyor-General of the Woods on the continent of America, with the same allowance as formerly (200*l.* a year). Their L^{ps} are to prepare the necessary Commission. Whitehall, 6 Sept. 1715.

Minuted:—"Send to y^{e} Comm^{rs} of Trade & y^{e} Comm^{rs} of y^{e} Navy for their Rep^{ts}." 1 *page, quarto.*

Also petition of John Bridger, Surveyor of H.M. Woods in America, to the Lords of the Treasury, praying a renewal of his commission.

Encloses his reasons for being continued.

Also memorandum of their Lordships requesting the Com^{rs} of the Navy to comply with the directions of the King for the payment of M^{r} Bridger. 4½ *pages.*

[M^{r} Bridger's commission is dated 5 Oct. 1715. *See* King's Warrant Book, Vol. 20, p. 168.]

7 Sept. 4. James Stanhope to the Lords of the Treasury. His Majesty having considered the memorial of Sir James Steuart, H.M. solicitor for North Britain, stating that by mistake 200*l.* salary had been settled in the establishment on each solicitor, instead of 400*l.* on himself as sole solicitor, desires their Lordships to have the above mistake rectified, to settle a salary of 400*l.* on Sir James Steuart, and to pay the same from the date of his commission. Whitehall, 7 Sept. 1715.

Minuted :—"Orderd. W^{t} signd." 2 *pages.*

8 Sept. 5. Report of R. Walpole to the Lords of the Treasury, on the annexed memorial of L^{t}-General Carpenter in behalf of Major Thomas Caulfield, L^{t}-Governor of Annapolis Royal. The memorial prays that Major Caulfield may be paid the arrears of his pay as Captain and Lieut.-Governor, and also 1,473*l.* 12*s.* 2½*d.* which he expended in behalf of the garrison there. Finds that by a commission from Major-General Hill, General and Commander-in-Chief of H.M. Forces in America, dated 10 Sept. 1711, a copy of which is annexed, Major Caulfield was appointed Deputy Governor of the garrison of Annapolis Royal, and that he has continued in that post ever since. Suggests methods by which he may be repaid. Pay Office, Horse Guards, 8 Sept. 1715.

The memorial and the copy of the commission referred to. 6 *pages.*

8 Sept. 6. Com^{rs} for Hides to the Lords of the Treasury. M^{r} William Osborn, Surveyor of the Duties on Houses for the co. of Southampton and the Isle of Wight, having been found guilty of indirect practices, they propose that he be discharged, and that M^{r} William Vessey be appointed in his stead. Office for Hides, &c. 8 Sept. 1715.

Minuted :—"14th September 1715. Agreed. Warr^{t} signd. 14th Sept^{r} 1715."

Enclosed is a private letter from one of the Com^{rs} (P. Burrard) to Sir Richard Onslow, in behalf of the said Vessey. 2 *pages.*

9 Sept. 7. Order in Council referring a report of the Board of Trade upon an address from the Council of Virginia, as to the decrease of the 2*s.* per hogshead revenue there, to the Lords of the Treasury to report upon. Court at S^{t} James's, 9 Sept. 1715.

Minuted :—"22 Oct^{br} 175. [*sic*] L^{rds} of opinion it is not adviseable y^{e} revenues appropriated to y^{e} Civil List should be applyed to y^{e} publick uses, but y^{t} accounts of y^{e} revenues of both should be constantly transmitted for his Maj^{tys} directions thereupon."

Again :—"A lr̃e signed to M^{r} Blathwayt."

The report of the Board of Trade, a letter concerning the quit rents of Virginia, and an account of that revenue and the 2*s.* per hogshead, attested by Phil. Ludwell, auditor, and Col. Spotswood, Governor of Virginia, and a copy of a report from M^{r} Blathwayt. 17 *pages.*

[? About 13 Sept.] 8. Memorial to the Lords of the Treasury of John Graham and Daniel Campbell for themselves and others, the proprietors of the three sugar houses in Glasgow. An Act having been passed empowering their Lordships to make reasonable satisfaction to the proprietors of sugar houses in Scotland for the private rights of exemption from Custom and Excise, to which proprietors are entitled, pray that their Lordships will give such directions as they shall think fit about their case.

Minuted:—"Read 13th September 1715. Send to the Barons of Excheq^{r} in Scotland, and desire them to state the case of these sugarys, & report what they conceive proper to be done upon this peticõn." 1 *page.*

13 Sept. 9. Com^{rs} of Excise (Scotland) to the Lords of the Treasury. Enclose a copy of an express which reached them that day from their collector and their supervisor of Dundee, giving notice of the intended movements of the Earl of Mar, the Marquis of Huntly, and the Earl of Seaforth. Excise Office, Edinburgh, 13 Sept. 1715.

The letter dated 11 Sept. 1715. 2 *pages.*

[The express referred to states: "That the Earl of Marr designes to-morrow to march what forces he has in Brae Marr to the Moor of Blair in Perthshire, near Cowper in Angus. The Marquis of Huntly is to meet the Earl Marishall at Aberdeen with what men they can raise and to march to Forfar, where at farthest they are to be on Wednesday next, and the Earl of Seaforth is to march with the clans by the foot of the Breas of Angus and joyne either my Lord Marr at Blair or my Lord Huntly at Forfar."]

[? About 13 Sept.] 10. Memorial of Sarah Carstares to the King. King William appointed her late husband, William Dunlop, in return for his various services, Principal of the College of Glasgow, and Historiographer Royal for Scotland. When he died in 1700 his Majesty granted the petitioner a yearly pension of 60*l.*, which was also renewed to her by Queen Anne. Prays that his Majesty will continue the pension to her in consideration of her advanced age and her family.

Minuted:—"13 Sept. 1715. Read."

Copy of the warrant from Queen Anne for the said pension. 2 *pages.*

[? About 13 Sept.] 11. Petition to the Lords of the Treasury from the Spanish Roman Catholic officers of the late Spanish regiment of foot, commanded by the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Galway. His Majesty having on their petition issued his royal order to the Rt. Hon. M^{r} Pultney, Secretary-at-War, to state their (the officers) accounts, which order is now before their Lordships, pray them to order the payment of what is due to them. Signed.

Minuted:—"13 Sept^{r} 1715. Read." 1 *page.*

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[After 13 Sept.] 12. Petition to the Lords of the Treasury of Dame Ann Dashwood and George Dashwood, Esq., executors of Sir Samuel Dashwood, Knight, deceased, and of Thomas Gibson, gent., executor of Sir John Foche, Knt, deceased. The said Sir Samuel Dashwood and Sir John Foche were two of the Comrs of Excise from 14 Oct. 1689 to 16 Apr. 1691, and were charged certain sums on their accounts. Pray that they may be allowed.

On 11 May 1715 the Comrs of Excise made a report in their favour, a copy of which is annexed. The Comrs of Excise have since threatened to issue out process against them.

The copy of the report referred to, which was read on 13 Sept. 1715. 4 *pages.*

14 Sept. 13. Report to the Lords of the Treasury of the Officers of the Mint on the annexed petition of John Croker and Samuel Bull, Gravers of H.M. Mint, for the renewal of their patents. An Act of Parliament having been passed, enabling Mr Croker, the head graver (a naturalised foreigner), to be continued in his place by a patent, are of opinion that it is for his Majesty's service that the petition should be granted. Mint Office, Sept. 14, 1715.

The petition *minuted* :—" Renew the pate[n]ts."

The petition. 2 *pages.*

[? About 14 Sept.] 14. Petition to the Lords of the Treasury of Capt. Joseph Embree. Was deprived of his commission by the late Viscount Dungannon for no other fault than refusing to allow his pay and recruiting money to be stopped for his Lordship's use, in compensation for which the Duke of Ormonde, when last Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland, ordered him a pension of 100*l.* in Ireland, which by some mistake was omitted from the establishment. King Charles II. also gave away to King James, when Duke of York, an estate belonging to the petitioner, and likewise gave the late Duchess of Cleveland 13,000*l.*, which had been raised for the petitioner. Prays therefore their Lordships to order him the promised pension.

Minuted :—" 14th September 1715. Ref. to the Lords Justices of Ireland." *Again* : " 18th Sepr 1716. My Lords can do nothing in this." 1 *page.*

[About 14 Sept.] 15. Petition to the Lords of the Treasury of John Sherwood of Faversham, in the county of Kent, hoyman. Accompanied his wife to France, and was there presented by her mother with about 18 yds. of silk, which he brought to England with him, not knowing that he would thereby incur any penalty. This was, however, seized by the Custom House at Folkestone, and the petitioner has since been prosecuted for the penalty. Prays their Lordships to order the prosecution to be withdrawn. Referred 14 Sept. 1715 to the Comrs of Customs to report upon. 1 *page.*

15 Sept. 16. James Stanhope to the Lords of the Treasury. Signifying his Majesty's pleasure that they supply Adam Cokburne of Ormistoun, Lord Justice Clerk in Scotland, with a credit of 1,000*l.* for

his Majesty's special service in Scotland. Whitehall, Sep. 15, 1715. 1½ *pages.*

15 Sept. 17. Copy of a represention from the Board of Trade to the King as to the exports of the East India Company from 29 Sept. 1702 to 29 Sept. 1714, made in obedience to an Order in Council of 22 Nov. 1714. Whitehall. Sept. 15, 1715. 7 *pages.*

16 Sept. 18. Report of the Board of Works to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Thomas Kynaston, Clerk of the Works at Somerset House. The petitioner states that the former clerk of the works had lodgings in Somerset House, until the Queen Dowager came to live there, when she gave him 20*l.* a year as compensation, and that M^rs^ Malows, Lord Feversham's niece, now occupies them without making any compensation to the petitioner; and prays therefore that she may be forced to quit them, or that compensation be made him. Find that the petitioner's statements are true, and are of opinion that his prayer should be granted, especially as his pay is only 2*s.* 3*d.* a day. Whitehall, Office of Works, 16 Sept. 1715.

Minuted:—"28th Dec^r^ 1715. The clerk of the workes to have the lodgings at Somerset House, which belong to him by his office, now in the possession of M^rs^ Malows; a warr^t^ to be prepared accordingly."

The petition. 2 *pages.*

17 Sept. 19. J. Hayne to ———, begging for the despatch of Capt. Taverner's affairs, H. M. Surveyor in Newfoundland, for which matter M^r^ Yonge, M^r^ Treby, and M^r^ George Trenchard are also suitors to their board. His family are starving in his absence for want of this money. Sept. 17, 1715. 1 *page.*

17 Sept. 20. James Stanhope to the Lords of the Treasury. The Board of Ordnance refusing to give out the stores appointed to be sent to South Carolina, until their Lordships issue to them the money for the same, signifies his Majesty's pleasure that they issue the money to them. The address from the House of Commons to the King to send relief to these poor people is sufficient security that the extraordinary expense will be made good. Whitehall, 17 Sept. 1715.

Two other letters from the same to the same on the subject, and an estimate of the stores required. 5 *pages.*

18 Sept. 21. Copy of a report of the Com^rs^ of Stamps to "Charles, Duke of Shrewsbury, Lord High Treasurer," as to the truth of a certificate signed by the Earls of Carlisle and Wharton in favour of John Stone, formerly distributor for York. Certify that in compliance with a Treasury warrant of 12 Nov. 1713, the then Com^rs^ appointed William Thompson distributor for York in the room of the said John Stone, and gave the latter directions to clear his accounts. His balance, however, though these directions have been often repeated, is now above 1,500*l.* If, therefore, he be restored to his employment, this balance should be first reduced. The allegations in the certificate, that the then Com^rs^ affirmed to M^r^ Stone that his removal would be a manifest prejudice to the revenue, they

conceive to be a mistake. "Stamp Office, Lincoln's Inn, Sep 18, 1715."

Petition of John Stone, a letter from Mr Bridges to Richard Powys, Esq., enclosing Mr Stone's balance, and a copy of the certificate referred to. 5 *pages.*

19 Sept. 22. James Stanhope to the Lords of the Treasury. Signifies his Majesty's pleasure that they answer such bills as shall be drawn upon them by the Lords Justices of Ireland for the transportation of Major-General Evans' regiment of dragoons from Ireland to the West of Scotland. Whitehall, 19 Sept. 1715.

Minuted:—"My Lords will direct the bills, when they arrive, to be accepted and paid by Mr Hill, paymr of transports." 1 *page.*

20 Sept. 23. Same to the same. Signified on the 26th ult. his Majesty's pleasure that they should procure a jewel as an additional present for the Emperor of Morocco; but his Majesty having since found that gunpowder will be more acceptable, desires their Lordships to at once procure and send by Capt. Paddon 100 barrels of powder instead of the jewel. Whitehall, 20 Sept. 1715.

Minuted:—"Wt signd." 1 *page.*

20 Sept. 24. Col. R. Congreve to the Lords of the Treasury. Since his last letter, Mr Missing's agent has received from Lisbon nearly 12,000 pieces of pork. Does not, however, yet hear of any provisions coming from England. Encloses an account of provisions remaining in store, and will do all he can to have the garrison supplied until ships come from England with provisions. Gibraltar, 20 Sept. 1715.

The account mentioned. 3 *pages.*

[? About 21 Sept.] 25. Petition to the Lords of the Treasury, of William Bromley, Esq. and others, executors to Dr. John Radcliffe, deceased, and of John Fellowes, of London, Esq. The Doctor contracted in March 1713 with the Comrs of Customs for the purchase of the house and freehold estate at Cashalton, late of Mr Edward Carlton, merchant, which were seized for a debt to the Crown. The contract was made in due form, and the Doctor laid out more than 900*l.* on the premises, but the Queen died before she could sign the warrant. The petitioners, having contracted for sale of the estate to the petitioner John Fellowes, applied to their Lordships to have the conveyance perfected, who had a report made on the matter by the Comrs of Customs and the Attorney and Solicitor-General. The petitioners on 14th Sept. inst. left notice with one of their Lordships' secretaries that they wished to be heard by their counsel before them, but are informed that their Lordships on the 12th inst. ordered the Comrs of Customs to put the estate up to sale. Are advised that at the least the money expended by the Doctor on the estate should be repaid with the interest, and pray that they may be heard by their counsel before their Lordships upon the validity of the Doctor's contract.

Minuted:—21st of Sepr 1715. Read." *Again*: "The sale suspended, lr̃e writ." 3 *pages.*

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22 Sept. 26. Com^{rs} of Excise (Scotland), to the Lords [of the Treasury]. Have received a warrant from the Barons of the Exchequer there, a copy of which they enclose, to pay to the Duke of Argyle any sum not exceeding 10,000*l.*, out of the moneys in their hands arising from such part of the revenues of the Excise as are applicable to the uses of H.M. Civil Government. Conceive that the hereditary and temporary Excise since 1 Aug. 1714 is the fund meant, from which they have only 2,266*l.* in hand. They have, however, 6,993*l.* in hand, which arose upon the same branch before that date, and if their Lordships direct to have this applied in the same manner they hope they shall be able to meet the whole demand by the time it is made. Have removed all his Majesty's money in their hand into the castle in consequence of the disturbed state of the country. Excise Office, Edinburgh, 22 Sept. 1715.

Copy of the warrant mentioned. 3 *pages.*

[? About 22 Sept.] 27. Memorial to the Lords of the Treasury of Nicholas Roope and Thomas Layton, Esq^{rs}, late Com^{rs} for disbanding the marine forces. Have paid off and disbanded the detachment of L^{t}-Gen. Holt's late regiment of marines, which was quartered in Westminster, but the Paymaster-General refusing to pay them and their secretary the usual allowances for the time they were employed without a special order, pray that such order may be given to Sir Roger Mostyn.

Minuted:—"22nd September 1715. Ref. to the paymaster to know how many days they were imployed, & what is the amount thereof." 1 *page.*

23 Sept. 28. Com^{rs} of Hides to the Lords of the Treasury. In obedience to their Lordships' commands, lay before them what moneys of the public taxes remain in the hands of several Receivers-General, and also what sums they have respectively paid into the Exchequer since their respites. Office for Hides, &c., 23 Sept. 1715.

Three other letters on the same subject. 5 *pages.*

[About 24 Sept.] 29. Memorial of Edward, Earl of Clarendon, late Envoy Extraordinary to the Court of Hanover, for 289*l.* for his extraordinary expenses in that service, from 19 June to 20 Sept. 1714.

On the back is a note from Lord Townshend, dated 24 Sept., allowing certain of the charges.

Minuted:—"1st Nov^{r} 1715. A w^{t} to be prepared."

A memorandum on the same subject. 3 *pages.*

24 Sept. 30. Report of the Com^{rs} of Hides to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Lawrence Ambrose, and on an annexed affidavit signed by Joseph Blagrave and Thomasin Ambrose, relating to M^{r} Shermer, Receiver-General of Berks, viz., as to his appointment and the sufficiency of his securities. The affidavit affirms that M^{r} Shermer was a zealous partisan of the Pretender. Office for Hides, &c., 24 Sept. 1715.

The petition and affidavit. 3 *pages*

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24 Sept. 31. A state of the income of Richmond manor, according to a survey taken at West Sheen in the county of Surrey, in 1703.

Signed:—"H. Cholmley, Supervis̃-Geñ. Sep^{r}. 24, 1715." 2 *pages.*

26 Sept. 32. Lord Galway to M^{r} Taylour, at the Treasury Chambers, begging him to move their Lordships for their order as to an affair which concerns M^{r} John Walker and the rest of the family of the late D^{r} Walker, the papers relating to that matter having lain before the Lords of the Treasury for some time past. Sept. 26, 1715.

His Lordship says:—"I have a particular regard for the memory of that good man, and the welfare of his family." 1 *page.*

26 Sept. 33. Lords Justices of Ireland (Grafton and Galway) to the Lords of the Treasury. Remind them of a report lying before their board in favour of the Earl of Lifford, who petitions to be restored to the half-pay list in Ireland, off which he was unreasonably struck in 1706. He prays to receive the arrears from that time. Earnestly recommend him to their Lordships. The arrears would help him to repair to Ireland, where his service in Parliament might be of great use. London, Sept. 26, 1715.

Minuted:—"Read." 2 *pages.*

27 Sept. 34. James Stanhope to the Lords of the Treasury. His Majesty desires them to direct the Com^{rs} of Customs not to suffer the ship "Industry," bound for South Carolina with arms for his Majesty's service, to sail until security be given that the ship shall go under the convoy of the man-of-war which carries Capt. Paddon to Gibraltar, so far as their way lies together, and shall afterwards sail direct to South Carolina. Whitehall, 27 Sept. 1715. 1 *page.*

27 Sept. 35. The same to the same. Encloses the memorial of the three gentlemen whose names were omitted from the last Irish establishment, and also that of Major-General Montolieu, *alias* S^{t} Hippolite, Brigadier Sausin, Abraham Boden, Esq., and Col. Boisrond, together with the letter relating thereto from the Lords Justices of Ireland, and signifies his Majesty's pleasure that their Lordships cause the mistakes mentioned in the former memorial to be rectified, and that pensions set forth in the latter memorial be settled upon the persons therein named. Whitehall, 27 Sept. 1715.

The enclosures not now with it. 1 *page.*

27 Sept. 36. Com^{rs} of Stamps to the Lords of the Treasury. In answer to M^{r} Taylour's of the 24th inst., acquaint their Lordships that Sir Francis Head became security in 2,000*l.* for M^{r} George Bowles of Deal, when the latter was made distributor for the county of Kent. Sir Francis has since applied to have his security given up, which they have declined to do, till they had got another equally good security from M^{r} Bowles. As M^{r} Bowles has taken no notice of several letters from the Com^{rs} desiring him to find new securities, owes the office more than 900*l.*, and has never made any return of money since he was employed by them, they think it unjust to Sir Francis and unsafe for the revenue to give him any further credit. Are well informed that Bowles is now trying to hire securities, being

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unable otherwise to procure any. Think this, therefore, sufficient reason for removing him from being distributor, and propose Mr Thomas Winter as a fit person to succeed him. Stamp Office, Lincoln's Inn, Sept. 27, 1715.

Minuted :—" 28th Septr 1715. A copie sent to Lord Dorsett." 1 *page*.

27 Sept. 37. A list of various presents bought for the Emperor of Morocco by Thomas Baker and George Paddon, Esqrs. The last date is 27 Sept. 1715. Among the items are: " A rich crimson velvet sedan or chair for the darling sultaness, a native of England, 50*l*.," and " 10 pound of the finest tea at 30s p pound, 15*l*." 1 *page*.

27 Sept. 38. James Stanhope to the Lords of the Treasury, enclosing the memorial of Col. Toby Purcel, with the report of the Lords Justices of Ireland thereon. The memorialist sets forth his various services during 50 years (viz., that he commanded a regiment during the wars in Ireland, was afterwards Governor of Cork, and from thence removed to Duncannon Fort), and his losses, and prays that as he himself is now very old the King would grant his son Richard a pension until he can be put into any civil employment in Ireland. His Majesty desires their Lordships to order a pension of 200*l*. a year on the Irish establishment for the son till some other provision can be made for him. Whitehall, 27 Sept. 1715.

Minuted :—" 19th October 1715. Read."

The memorial which was referred to the Lord-Lieut. to report upon.

The report is not now with it. 4 *pages*.

28 Sept. 39. Bonds given by the Governor and Company of the Bank of England and Mr Thomas Madocks, first cashier of the Bank of England, for the payment by the latter of moneys received by him into the Receipt of the Exchequer. Dated 31 Aug. and 28 Sept. 1715. 4 *pages* (*brief size*).

28 Sept. 40. J. Burchett to Mr Lowndes. The Navy Board were directed by the Lords of the Treasury on 16 Dec. 1714 to make forth a bill for paying the Duke of Leeds the arrears of his pay as a Vice-Admiral in the Fleet, to the time of her late Majesty's demise. The Lords of the Admiralty wish to know whether these orders were given in pursuance of his Majesty's commands, as such a proceeding is not only unusual, but is directly contrary to the methods of the navy in such cases. Admiralty Office, 28 Sept. 1715. 1 *page*.

28 Sept. 41. James Stanhope to the Lords of the Treasury. The envoy from Tripoli not being about to return as soon as was expected his Majesty desires them to deliver the present intended for the Dey to Captain Paddon, who will receive directions to convey the same to Tunis. Whitehall, 28 Sept. 1715.

Minuted.—" 15th October 1715. Order'd accordingly." 1 *page*, *quarto*.

28 Sept. 42. Two letters from James Stanhope to the Lords of the Treasury. Signifying his Majesty's pleasure that they prepare warrants for bestowing a yearly pension of 200*l*. on Stephen Cailland, and a

yearly pension of 50*l.* on Mr Visconte Cigala, both to commence from Midsummer last. Whitehall, 28 Sept. 1715.
Both minuted:—"Wt signed." 2 *pages*.

Before 29 Sept. 43. Petition of the coachmen, footmen, &c. of her late Majesty, to the King. Have only received one half-year of their salaries, which are in arrear for one year ending at Michaelmas next. Pray payment. 1 *page*.

29 Sept. 44. Report of Ja. Bruce to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Col. Thomas Pitt in behalf of himself and the other officers of Major-General Pepper's late regiment of dragoons, touching a claim for 1,251*l.* 18*s.* 5*d.*, being the subsistence of two troops of that regiment more than is allowed upon the Irish establishment. In favour of the claim. Controller's Office, Privy Garden, 29 Sept. 1715.
Minuted:—"2 Nov. 1715. A wt to relieve this regt of the surcharge in Ireland."
The petition, a report of the Lord Lieut. of Ireland, a report of the Lords Justices, the reference to the Lord Lieut., copy of a warrant of 23 Feb, 1713–14, and copy of a report of the Duke of Shrewsbury on a memorial of Major Bellamy of the same regiment, together with the memorial, all connected with the same business. 15 *pages, or parts*.

29 Sept. 45. Lord Townshend to the Lords of the Treasury. Encloses the petition of Frances, Viscountess Bolingbroke, praying that his Majesty will grant her the remains of the estate of her husband, Henry Viscount Bolingbroke, attainted for high treason. His Majesty grants her the personal estate of her husband for her own use, and the real estate during her life. Desires their Lordships to give the necessary directions for rendering the grant effectual Whitehall, 29 Sept. 1715.
Minuted:—"3d October 1715. Read. Ref. to Mr Attorney and Sollr Genll to advise the proper methods for making the grant above mentioned."
The petition. 2 *pages*.

29 Sept. 46. James Stanhope to the Lords of the Treasury. Signifies his Majesty's pleasure that they give orders for answering such bills as shall be drawn upon them by the Lords Justices of Ireland for the transportation of four foot regiments from Ireland to the River Clyde, in Scotland. Whitehall, 29 Sept. 1715. 1 *page*.

29 Sept. 47. Accounts of his Majesty's Civil List revenues, &c. for the year ending Mich, 1715. Some are duplicates. With one or two other financial papers. 27 *pages*.

30 Sept. 48. Lords Justices of Ireland (Archbishops of Dublin and Tuam) to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the petition of Col. Henry Monro. Have referred the petition to the Muster Master General for Ireland, whose report, and the papers connected with the petition, they enclose. As the report states that the petitioner's statements are true,

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In the petition the Col. states that he was the only surviving colonel, except Col. Michelbourne, who served in "the late siege of Londonderry or Inniskillen." The petitioner sets forth his services and losses, and states that there is due to him and his officers upwards of 10,000*l.* Prays for a pension or to be placed on half-pay.

Minuted:—" 27 Jan^{ry}. Prepare a war^{t}."

The enclosures. 15 *pages.*

[? Before Oct.] 49. Petition of Ezekiel Johnson to the Earl of Carlisle and the rest of the Lords of the Treasury. Was employed by the Surveyor-General to inspect and look after the leads in the Savoy and several houses, the leases of which had expired and fallen to the Crown. Was ordered to repair the same and carried the repairs out. Was to be paid out of the rents, but these were ungathered through the sickness of the surveyor. Petitioner and the workmen petitioned the Treasury. Sir Chr Wren reported thereon in July 1714, and the report has not yet been read. Prays an order thereon or they will all be utterly ruined. Undated, but ? between May and October 1715, from the Earl of Carlisle being a Lord of the Treasury.

Minuted:—" 9th April 1718. Look out the reports." 1 *page.*

1 Oct. 50. Memorial to the Lords of the Treasury from Lieut.-Gen. Charles Wills, Governor of the town and castle of Berwick-upon-Tweed. Prays for a warrant to the Paymaster-General of H. M. Forces, directing him to allow the master gunner and another gunner upon Holy Island their pay from 24 June 1713 to 25 Dec. 1714, amounting to 82*l.* 7*s.* 0*d.*, they having been omitted during that time from the establishment of the garrison of Berwick and Holy Island. 1 October 1715.

Minuted:—" 2 Nov. 1715. To be laid before y^{e} Com^{rs} for stating y^{e} debts of y^{e} army." 1 *page.*

[After 3 Oct.] 51. Extracts out of a report from M^{r} Keith, late Surveyor-General of the southern continent of America, dated 16 July 1715, and out of a memorial from Col. Rhett, Surveyor and Controller of South Carolina, dated 3 Oct. 1715, and out of several letters from the other officers there, showing that M^{r} Craven, Governor of South Carolina, had obstructed the officers of the Customs in the execution of their duties. Signed " Cha. Carkesse, senr̃." 2 *pages and* 3 *lines.*

52. Another paper signed by the same, as to charges against M^{r} Norris, Naval Officer of Jamaica. Undated.

The articles about these charges were taken out of letters and papers sent home by M^{r} Keith and by M^{r} Beckford, now Surveyor and Comptroller of Jamaica. 3 *pages.*

3 Oct. 53. Thomas Missing to the [Secretary of the Treasury]. Complains of the many enemies opposing him in his contract for the supply of provisions. The Government is to be thanked if any provisions supplied were bad as it was through their delay. It was April

before he began killing, and it was then somewhat too hot. Will engage his life for the future. Has already killed six months' beef and pork. 3 Oct. 1715. 2 *pages.*

[? About 4 Oct.] 54. Memorial of John Dear, gardener to the late Earl of Halifax, to the Lords [of the Treasury]. Prays for 50*l.* for making good Cotton Garden, where the King's kitchen was made at the Coronation. His Lordship died before the work was finished. D^{r} Bentley refuses to be at the expense of keeping the garden in order.

Minuted:—" 4th October 1715. M^{r} Wise to pay the money arising out of the sale of the boards used in Cotton Garden at the Coronac̄on into the Excheq^{r}, out of w^{ch} mo^{s} 50^{l} is to be paid to the petitioner." *Again*:—" Warr^{t} signed." 1 *page.*

4 Oct. 55. Board of Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury. The Surveyor-General of the Ordnance and Mr. Edwards, H.M. Second Engineer at Portsmouth, report that they cannot carry on the works ordered there for want of sods, and that the lands purchased for the fortifications there afford the only place from which to obtain them. Desire their Lordships to empower the engineer to cut and take away from thence such turf as may be required. Office of Ordnance, 4th Oct. 1715. 1 *page.*

6 Oct. 56. W^{m} Popple to William Lowndes, Esq., giving the result of the examination by the Board of Trade into the memorial of John Rayner, Esq., Attorney-General of New York. The memorialist prays for arrears of salary, having received none since 24 June 1713, and states that he was appointed to his office by Queen Anne in 1708, and has been continued by his present Majesty. The Board of Trade find that he was appointed Attorney-General of New York in 1708, but having nothing to do with his salary cannot say anything as to that part of his petition. Have found, however, an Order of Council of 16 Feb. 1698, a copy of which he is ordered to send to Mr. Lowndes, that no persons should be allowed to have patents for places in the plantations unless they resided there. M^{r} Rayner has produced a licence from her late Majesty to be absent, but the Board of Trade leave it to their Lordships to decide as to allowing an Attorney-General (who is also Advocate-General) salary for the time he is not in residence. Whitehall, Oct. 6th, 1715.

Minuted:—" 2^{d} Nov^{r} 1715. My Lords cannot advise the King either to grant a sall^{a} or pay arreares, the pet^{r} not having been on the place for any the time that the said arreares are claimed."

The copy of the Order of Council not now with it. 3 *pages, a piece eaten away at the top by mice.*

6 Oct. 57. Report of the Attorney and Solicitor-General (Edw. Northey and N. Lechmere) as to building leases. 6 Oct. 1715.

A copy. 4 *pages.*

7 Oct. 58. Report of the same to the Duke of Bolton, Lord Chamberlain of H.M. household, as to how his Majesty may take possession of lodgings in H.M. palace of Whitehall, said to have been granted to the late Duke of Ormond by the Crown, and now forfeited by his

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attainder. Are of opinion that the grant and his attainder by Act of Parliament must be found by inquisition, and that thereon the lodgings will be seized into his Majesty's hands. 7 Oct. 1715. 1 *page.*

8 Oct. 59. A list of sums of money due upon his Majesty's establishment for civil affairs in Scotland, bearing date at S^t James's 23 Dec. 1714, for one quarter ending 29 Sept. 1715, made up by the Barons of the Exchequer at Edinburgh the 29th of Sept. 1715.

With a copy of a note of approval by the Lords of the Treasury. Dated 8th Oct. 1715. 5½ *pages.*

10 Oct. 60. A list from S^t Christopher's of shipping, from 25 June 1715 to 25 Sept. 1715. S^t. Christopher's, October 10th 1715. 1 *page.*

12 Oct. 61. Report of the Com^rs for Hides to the Lords of the Treasury as to affidavits made by M^r Joseph Blagrave and M^rs Thomasin Ambrose, against M^r Shermer, recommended as Receiver-General for the co. of Berks, which matter they were ordered to examine into. The persons making the affidavits charge M^r Shermer with treasonable words used, &c. Office for Hides, &c., 12 October 1715.

Minuted:—" 12 Oct^r 1715. Read."

Six enclosures, consisting of affidavits and certificates rebutting the charges. 8 *pages.*

13 Oct. 62. Lord Townshend to the Lords of the Treasury, signifying his Majesty's pleasure that they get letters patent passed for settling 50,000*l.* a year and the Palace of Somerset House on H.R.H. the Princess of Wales, pursuant to Act of Parliament. Whitehall, 13 Oct. 1715.

Minuted:—" Prepar'd accordingly." 1 *page,*

14 Oct. 63. James Stanhope to the Lords of the Treasury. His Majesty desires them, notwithstanding his former orders of the 27th ult., to direct the Com^rs of Customs to allow the ship " Industry," bound for South Carolina with arms for his Majesty's service, to proceed on her voyage without waiting for the man-of-war which is to carry Capt. Paddon to Gibraltar, upon giving 5,000*l.* to sail direct to South Carolina. Whitehall, 14 Oct. 1715.

Minuted:—" 15 ^th October 1715. Warr^t to be ꝑpar'd." 1 *page.*

17 Oct. 64. N. Lechmere to William Lowndes, Esq. Is sorry he is unable to attend at the Treasury at the hour signified to him by M^r Powis. Has before written to him his opinion of M^r Shermer. Has known him for more than 10 years, and is as certain as it is possible to be that he is zealously opposed to the Pretender. Trusts that notice will be taken of the many suspicious circumstances attending the accusation made against him. Oct. 17, 1715.

Two other letters on the same subject, from the same to the same, dated respectively 24^th and 28^th Sep. 1715.

17 Oct. 65. A paper of totals *docquetted:*—" Deficiency's Lottery, 1714." Given under the authority of " Matthew Barton, Comp̃. 17 Oct. 1715." 1 *page.*

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18 Oct. 66. James Stanhope to the Lords of the Treasury. Encloses by his Majesty's orders extracts of letters and informations from Berwick, as to one Lancelot Errington, and the ship "Mary," of Newcastle, under his command, which ship was seized for the King's use. His Majesty desires their Lordships to give directions for disposing of the same, Whitehall, 18th Oct. 1715.

The enclosures not now with it. 1 *page.*

[? About 19 Oct.] 67. Petition to the King of John Borland, of Boston, in New England, merchant. States that he was in 1710, upon the reduction of Annapolis Royal, appointed by the Council of War who commanded that expedition, to furnish provisions to that garrison. This he has done for three years, and holds bills of Col. Vetch, the Governor, upon the Treasury, to the amount of 14,655*l.* 0*s.* 8*d.*, for provisions so supplied. Prays payment of the bills, and that half the above sum of 14,655*l.* 0*s.* 8*d.* may be ordered him in the meantime to stop the mouths of his most urgent creditors.

On another leaf is a copy of a certificate signed Sam. Vetch, as to the truth of these statements, and an account of the garrison's subsistence for 434 days.

Minuted:—"19th October 1715. The bills drawn by the pet^{r} being so extravagant that it was thought fit to make considerable deductions from them, and the remainder being a Debt of the Land Forces, their Lo^{ps} think it proper to refer this to the Com^{rs} appointed for stating the Debts of the Army." *Again*:—"Sent with Vetch's papers to Comm^{rs} Acco^{ts}." 2 *pages.*

20 Oct. 68. Report of the Board of Works to the Treasury, on the petition of M^{r} James Thornhill. Are of opinion that he may be allowed 457*l.* 10*s.* for painting the ceiling of the Prince and Princess of Wales' bedchamber in H.M. Palace of Hampton Court. The work is skilfully and laboriously performed, and is at the rate of 3*l.* 11*s.* a yard, which is less than what was always allowed to Signor Vario for work in their opinion not so well executed. Whitehall, Office of Works, 20th October 1715.

Minuted:—"2^{d} November 1715. Order'd." 1 *page.*

20 Oct. 69. Report of R. Powys to the Lords [of the Treasury] on the within written memorial of James Craggs, Esq., late resident and envoy at Barcelona, praying to be allowed 500*l.* for a campaign equipage. Finds that 500*l.* has been usually allowed for this purpose to envoys directed to take the field with the princes they attended upon. This charge was disallowed in Jan. last, on the ground that M^{r} Craggs, as Commissary of the Stores, was obliged to attend the army in that capacity; but M^{r} Craggs said that office only required his attendance at Barcelona, and when he was ordered to take the field with King Charles III. of Spain he had to pay a deputy to take charge of the stores at Barcelona. 20th October 1715.

Minuted:—"21st Oct. 1715. A w^{t} to be prepared for paying this 500^{li} out of the Queen's Arreares." *Again*:—"28th October 1715. Warr^{t} sign'd."

The report is on the back of the memorial. 2 *pages.*

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[? About 21 Oct.] 70. Representation to the Lords of the Treasury from the owners of the four ships employed to transport forces, &c. to Placentia, Newfoundland, in 1713. They contracted by covenants of charter party with the Com^{rs} of Transports for 12*s*. per ton per month, and are much concerned to find their Lordships have tied them down to accept 10*s*. per ton per month. Can see no reason why their contract should be thus broken, and pray their Lordships to issue fresh orders.

Minuted:—"21st October 1715. My Lords think the Com^{rs} of Transports, gave suffic^{t} reasons why they should have but 10s. ꝑ ton ꝑ month, and see no reason to alter their former opinion." 2 *pages*.

[? About 22 Oct.] 71. Memorial of Elizabeth Sherman, widow, to the Lords of the Treasury, to the same effect as that hereafter noticed under date 18 Dec. 1715.

Minuted:—"22 October 1715. Qu^{r} where she was p̃d." *Again*: "150 guineas (the arrears of her pension) to be p^{d} out of the 2,000^{li} left by the late Queen to charitable uses." 1 *page*.

24 Oct. 72. James Stanhope to the Lords of the Treasury. Signifies his Majesty's pleasure that they lodge 1,200*l*. with the Treasurer of the Chamber, out of which he may advance money to the messengers sent abroad on H.M. service, to defray their expenses. Whitehall, 24 Oct. 1715.

Minuted:—"24 Oct. 1715. Issue 1,200*l*. to the Trear̃ of the Chamb^{r} to be advanced to the messengers as the Secrys. of State shall direct, to enable them to go on the services they are sent upon, taking care the sums advanced go in p^{t} of their bills w^{n} they shalbe made out." 1 *page*.

24 Oct. 73. Paper headed, "Estimate of the Debts on Acco^{t} of her late Ma^{ts} Civil List at the time of her demise. The sums paid in part of the said debts between that time and Michãs 1715. With an acc^{t} of what is wanting to bring up all payments thereupon to Xmas 1713, and the complement that then remains to answer the whole estimate." 24 October 1715. 1 *page*.

24 Oct. 74. Isaac Manley to [the Secretary of the Treasury]. Is prevented, by having to hasten to Ireland with the bills approved by the King and Council for opening Parliament, from paying his duty and thanks for the pension on the Irish Establishment granted him by the Treasury. Prays that his pension may commence from Lady-day last. 24 Oct. 1715.

Minuted:—"Agreed." 1 *page, quarto*.

[? About 25 Oct.] 75. A paper commencing "My Lords," and *docquetted*:—"Memorial concerning the Coins and Medals." Sets forth how poor the engraving done at the Mint is, and offers some observations for improving it. At the beginning the memorialist says, with regard to well stamped coins, that "the King is in his lifetime, and to all posterity, thereby honoured, as the antick medals to this day do

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wittness, and as the most part of his subjects never see the original, the only idea of his S.P. is what the coin represents them, which being done to disadvantage, gives no satisfaction to the well affected, and creates a contempt by the disaffected."

Minuted:—"John Croker appointed 10th of Mar. 1704–5 to be first Graver of ye Mint, sal. 200*li.* p añ for self and 80*li.* p añ for two assists, continued, 25 Oc. 1715, dureing pleasure."

The following are the observations made with a view to improve the engraving:—

"1. To provide the Mint with an engraver that is able to produce ye best work both for heads and revers of medals and coin, skild in embossing of wax, as also to do all other work of engraving in steel, silver, and stone to excelling, who not only will be fittest to do the best service att present, but also to bring up others with good instruction to succeed after him.

"2. The Government having provided for the expences of ye Mint the engraving as an art may be regarded as the most considerable work thereof, all the others being but mechannik; to allow for it a suitable salary, will be the chief motiv to animate a man of capacity to use his utmost endeavours to deserve it; and if the salary hath been diminished, to restore it as it was in former reigns.

"3. It would be of great service that 2 or 300*l.* should be employd to make a collection of all sorts of antik and modern medals or impressions thereof, fine prints, antik bas releivs, figures and heads to remain always in the office of the engravers for the present and future use.

"4. It would be usefull to give permission to such an engraver for some months to make the say'd collection partly att Paris, and att the same time to examine all the methods that are in use there for the perfection of the work in coin and medals, to the end that it might be perform'd here so good as in any place of Europe.

"5. It would not be sufficient only to bring up disciples to instruct them with all care and application, but to render them more perfect they should be for some years brought up in the Academy of Drawing and Embossing att Paris, that they may have a solid foundation to do the work in future with more perfection, by which method the kingdom will always be serv'd to great satisfaction." 3 *pages.*

25 Oct. 76. Board of Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury. Have attended on the [East India] Company, but as there is above 7½ per cent. difference in the refraction of the salt petre they are to receive from the Company, were advised not to mention what they had in charge from their Lordships till that was settled. As this is not yet done, think it their duty to lay the same before their Lordships. Office of Ordnance, 25 October 1715.

Somewhat injured by damp. 1 *page.*

25 Oct. 77. Comrs of Customs (Scotland) to the Lords of the Treasury. His Majesty on the 10th inst. ordered 10,000*l.* to be paid to the Duke

of Argyle, for a month's subsistence of his forces, out of the moneys remaining in the hands of the Receiver General of the Land Tax, the Comrs of Excise, and the Receiver-General of the Customs. Mr Grame, the Receiver-General of the Customs, has advanced 2,200*l.*, nearly all the money in his hands; and the said Grame, so far from being able to advance any more money, must be repaid from London what he has already advanced, otherwise the Revenue under their hands may suffer from want of money; for as so much of the Kingdom is in possession of the rebels, he will receive no sum of any considerable amount from the Customs this current quarter. Custom House, Edinburgh, 25 Oct. 1715.

Minuted:—"1st November 1715. When their Bills come they shall be comply'd with." 1 *page.*

[? About 25 Oct.] 78. "Charles Harison's report concerning lycences granted by the Court of Excheq. to compound upon penal laws, &c. from 15th June 1715 to 14 July following, inclusive." "R. 25 Oct. 1715." 5 *double pages.*

27 Oct. 79. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury on the case of Isaac Giles, who had been dismissed by the Comrs from being a landwaiter at Bristol on the charge of being disaffected to the Government. Have, in obedience to Mr Taylour's letter of the 10th ult., examined into the matter again. Enclose four papers on the subject. Have presumed to put a stop to their Lordships' warrant of the 3rd inst., requiring them to appoint Mr Samuel Parmiter to succeed Giles, until they hear further from their Lordships. Custom House, London, 27 October 1715.

Minuted:—"2d November 1715. Read. To be further considered."

Two petitions of Isaac Giles, a letter from Lord Bradford in his behalf, and the four enclosures referred to. 12 *pages.*

[? About 28 Oct.] 80. Petition of Hugh Speke to the King. The French translation of his book of the happy Revolution in MS., as presented to his Majesty by the Earl of Berkeley in May last, cost him above 50*l.*; prays therefore for his Majesty's bounty.

Minuted:—"28th October 1715. 30*l.* to be pd p Mr Lowther."

In Latin and English. 2 *pages.*

[? About 28 Oct.] 81. Petition to the King of Lt-Col. Walter Butler, one of the seven Irish officers who quitted the enemy's service and came over to the Allies on her late Majesty's proclamation. There was due to him four years' pay for the time he served under Prince Eugene of Savoy. Francis Gwyn, late Secretary-at-War, had made a most unjust report on his case, as appears from the Hon. Wm Pulteney's report to the Lords of the Treasury, on the 10th June last. Begs his Majesty to order the Lords of the Treasury to examine into his case, and to pay him his demand if his allegations be found to be true.

Minuted:—"Look out his papers. 28th October 1715. Read." 1 *page.*

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1715. 29 Oct. 82. Com^rs^ of Excise (Scotland) to the Lords [of the Treasury], giving an account of the cash which will remain in their hands when all the demands upon them are satisfied. Most of the country north of the Forth being in the hands of the rebels, they can expect no money from that country for some time; there will also be a considerable decrease in the revenue from the counties south of the Forth, as many of these have been overrun, and the excise collected by the rebels. Excise Office, Edinburgh, 29 Oct. 1715.

Minuted:—"11th November 1715. Read." 2 *pages.*

31 Oct. 83. Rob. Aston to W^m^ Lowndes, Esq. Encloses an account signed by the Deputy-Governor of Gibraltar, of the number of persons victualled in that garrison from 18 July to 14 Aug. last, inclusive. Beg that their Lordships will issue the sum due to the paymaster, with orders to pay the same to the contractor. London, 31 Oct. 1715.

Minuted:—"1 Nov^r^ 1715. Send this to Earle Lincolne, and desire his Lordp. to make a demand for w^t^ is due to be paid thereupon according to the contract."

The enclosure not now with it. 1¼ *pages.*

31 Oct. 84. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on a letter from Paul Docminique, Esq., to the Duke of Marlborough, wherein he proposes that in order to encourage the English weavers to make lustrings, alamodes, and rastageens, some persons shall be nominated by the Weavers' Company, and be empowered to seize all such French silks as shall be run without paying duties. Have desired M^r^ Lekeux, of the weavers, to consult with others of the Company concerning the best methods to prevent the running of foreign silks. M^r^ Lekeux's proposal thereon was referred to the Patent officers. They report that some part is already observed, and that the other is impracticable. Are of opinion, as they have been for many years, that the giving of extraordinary commissions to persons, not officers of the Customs, for such seizures, may be detrimental to the revenue and injurious to trade. Custom House London, 31 Oct. 1715.

Two enclosures. 3 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

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[? About 2 Nov.] 1. Representation of Sir Bibye Lake to the Lords of the Treasury. Has paid into the Receipt of the Exchequer 2,257*l.* 4*s.* 10¼*d.* in part of 13,149*l.* 10*s.* 7½*d.* owing to the Crown from Robert Peters, Esq., late Receiver-General of Hertfordshire. Prays on his appointment a warrant to secure to him the estates of the above Robert Peters. Undated.

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Five other papers in relation to these affairs, one of which is *docquetted*:—"M^{r} Taylor's certificate in relation to S^{r} Bibye Lake, Bar^{t}, concerning M^{r} Peters, late Rec^{r}-Genl. of Hertfordshire."

Minuted:—" 2 Nov^{r} 1715. Send to Ea. Carnarvon & S^{r} Roger Mostyn to know w^{t} is become of the SS. Stock that was to answer these assignem^{ts}. In case it appears to be assigned to the Trustees, then so much to be issued out of the moneys arising by the sale of that stock as will discharge the assignm^{ts}, and that money being paid into the Excheq^{r} on Peters' acco^{t} a warrant may then be prepared for assigning the extent & securitys as desired." 7 *pages.*

[? About 2 Nov.] 2. Statement of the case of the clerks of the House of Lords as to recompense for their services, referring to an address of the House of Lords in their favour, and to an application made by James Mcrest and Gerard Fitzgerald, two of the clerks who petitioned the Lord Treasurer in 1713, who allowed them 50*l.* a-piece. The clerks having no allowance whatever for public business, petitioned the Lords of the Treasury since her Majesty's death, and M^{r} Powys reported thereon. They have again lodged a petition with the Lords of the Treasury on the same subject

The two petitions referred to. On the back of one is M^{r} Powys's report, by which it appears that the grievance of the clerks arose from their losses by several orders relating to private Bills and the Act for a general naturalization.

This is minuted:—" 2d Nov^{r} 1715. The Act being repealed there is noe cause for this applicacõn." There is also the copy of the address. 4 *pages.*

2 Nov. 3. *Docquetted*:—"Copy of a letter from Joseph Smith to M^{r} Usher, late L^{t}-Governor of New Hampsire, dated the 2^{d} of Novemb^{r} 1715, relating to the waste committed in the woods there."

The letter complains of unreasonable waste and destruction in the province, of timber suitable for naval stores, "there being scarce such for bigness, length, and soundness" in America. In a few years it will be utterly consumed. Every winter great numbers of men and teams, chiefly from Exetèr, as is creditably reported, cut 1,500 large pine trees, and haul them in logs into the river called Lampreet River, and the great flowing of the river with great rains brings them down to the river's mouth. Out of these they saw at least 2,000,000 pine boards, besides oak plank; and masts and extraordinary oak timber are constantly transported to Spain and Portugal in great quantities. Captain McFredrick has made some voyages from hence to Spain and Portugal, and is ready to sail with two vessels from Piscataqua, so that we supply those who were lately at war with us. Hampton, 2 Nov. 1715. 2½ *pages.*

2 Nov. 4. Petition of John Elphinstone to Robert Walpole, Esq., and the rest of the Lords of the Treasury, in relation to his salary of 40*l.* per annum, and for charges about the Cotton Library.

Minuted :—" 2^{d} Nov^{r} 1715. Read. My Lords do not think it fit to increase the allowance. Prepare a warr^{t} for what is due upon his 40^{l} p ann̄." 1 *page*.

2 Nov. 5. Viscount Townshend to the South Sea Company. Makes a proposal to the Company to purchase a quantity of arms, amounting to about 2,000, his Majesty having great occasion for a present supply of arms. Whitehall, 2 Nov. 1715. [A copy.] 1 *page*.

[? About 2 Nov.] 6. Petition to the Lords of the Treasury of Peter Flournoys, Trustee to the Earl of Clancarty's children. The date set down in the patent passed for the continuation of the grant of 1,000*l*. per ann. to these children, instead of being from the Accession, was from Christmas last; by which means they would lose five months of their pension, unless their Lordships directed 416*l*. 13*s*. 4*d*. to be paid to them.

Minuted :—" 2 November 1715. To be laid before the King." " Recom^{d} by Lady Sunderland " is also written on the back. 1 *page*.

[? About 2 Nov.] 7. Petition of Susannah Clarke, widow, to the Lords of the Treasury, praying for the continuance of a pension of 10*l*. per ann. granted to her on her husband being killed by the Irish at Gravesend in the reign of King William.

Minuted :—" 2 Nov. 1715. To be laid before y^{e} King." 1 *page*.

[? About 4 Nov.] 8. Petition of Col. Richard Morris to the Lords of the Treasury, praying to be reimbursed 488*l*. laid out by him in clothing 122 men, whom he raised to supply the place of those drafted in the year 1710 from the regiment of Dragoons in Ireland, under his command.

Minuted :—" 4th November 1715. Ref. to Com^{rs} for stating the debts of the army."

Copies of two reports subordinate to the above. 5 *pages*.

4 Nov. 9. Lord Townshend to the Lords of the Treasury. Sends copy of a former letter and the reply of the South Sea Company, asking them to further consider it, and give directions in relation to their furnishing a quantity of arms for the King's service. Nov. 4, 1715. 2 *pages*.

7 Nov. 10. M^{r} Richards to M^{r} Lowndes. On the same subject. Has taken on himself to give his opinion, the Board of Ordnance not meeting until to-morrow. The arms are not fit for H.M. service.

Letter enclosed. 7 Nov. 1715. 2 *pages*.

7 Nov. 11. Report of Thomas Hewet, Esq., Surveyor-General of the King's Woods, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of the Hon. John West, Master Keeper of the Inner Bailiwick Walk of the New Forest, praying for his house to be repaired; recommending that the house should be repaired, and that the master should be obliged to keep it so. Nov. 7, 1715.

Minuted :—" 10 April 1716. Ordered." " W^{t} signed."

The memorial referred to. 4 *pages*.

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7 Nov. 12. Memorial of the same to the same setting forth various defects in the management of the forests, and proposing that he should have a dormant warrant to fell dead and decayed trees to raise money to pay claims for repairs, &c. The keepers are generally the greatest offenders in felling wood for fuel, and ignorant and careless of their buildings, and ought not to be trusted with any repairs whatsoever. Thinks that all the lodges and buildings should be put in good repair, and that for the future they should be kept so by contract. Nov. 7, 1715.

Minuted:—"4th January 1715. My Lords agree to the memorial."

Also what appears to be the draft of the introductory clause of the warrant referred to. 3 *pages*.

7 Nov. 13. Memorial of Basil, Earl of Denbigh, late one of the four Tellers of the Receipt of the Exchequer, to the Lords of the Treasury, praying that the bonds he gave for the discharge of his trust may be given up to be cancelled, the balance of his cash having been transferred to William Powlett, one of the Tellers of the Receipt of the Exchequer.

The auditor's certificate of the same, signed, "Halifax." Dated Exchequer, 7 Nov. 1715. 2 *pages*.

8 Nov. 14. Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, desiring them, without loss of time, to move his Majesty for 5,000*l.* to be employed in the purchase of arms and ammunition for his Majesty's stores. Dublin Castle, 8 Nov. 1715.

Minuted:—"Wt signed." 1 *page*.

2 and 8 Nov. 15. Two letters, one being from S. Compton and the other from R. Eyre, to William Lowndes, Esq., approving of the alterations in the draft of the royal warrant to prepare a Bill for the jointure of the Princess of Wales. Dated 2 and 8 Nov. 1715.

The draft referred to, with a certificate of approval, signed by the Attorney and Solicitor-General. 12 *pages*.

9 Nov. 16. Memorial and certificate of Archibald Douglas, Receiver-General of the land tax, crown rents and revenues in Scotland, to the Lords of the Treasury, showing the balances of the several funds remaining in his hands. 9 Nov. 1715. 2 *large pages*.

Feb.—9 Nov. 17. Memorials, &c. from officers of the Office of Works to the Lords of the Treasury touching works at the barracks in the Savoy Windsor Castle, &c. Feb.—9 Nov. 1715. 6 *pages*.

9 Nov. 18. Report of the Comrs for Hides, &c. to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Samuel Francis, late Surveyor of the duties on houses in the co. of Montgomery, who was removed from that employment in August then last past, and succeeded by John Meredith. His discharge was not occasioned by any complaint from the Board, and they have no objection to restore him. Office for Hides, &c., 9 Nov. 1715.

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Minuted :—"11 Novr 1715. If Mr Francis can clear himself of the imputacõn of being disaffected to the p̃sent Government, my Lords will restore him to the office of a Surveyor of the duties on houses when a vacancy offers."

The petition referred to. 2 *pages.*

10 Nov. 19. A state of all the money that is now remaining in the hands of any of the Commissioners, receivers or collectors of the revenues or taxes in Scotland.

Docquetted :—"A state of ye publick money in Scotland the 10th day of Novembr 1715." 1 *page.*

[? About 10 Nov.] 20. Memorial of Brigadier Lewis Petit, late Lt-Governor of Port Mahon, in Minorca, to the Lords of the Treasury for allowance of certain charges laid out by him for fortifications at Port Mahon.

Minuted :—"10th November 1715. To Comrs for stating the debts of the army to determine how far this is a debt to proceed thereupon according to the Act of Parliament." *Again* :—"His cravings sent to audrs imprs, and the stated accot to the Commrs." 2 *pages.*

11 Nov. 21. Presentment of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, respecting a demand by Commander John Gray of H.M. ship "Folkston," and of a similar demand for freight by Capt. Beal, Commander of H.M. ship "Deal Castle." Think it not reasonable that his Majesty should pay freight for his own money in his own ships. 11 Nov. 1715.

Minuted :—"15 Nov. 1715. To the Lords of the Admiralty to give the proper orders that the money may be refunded."

Three enclosures. 4 *pages.*

11 Nov. 22. "An abstract of the accot of the Honoble Conyers Darcy & George Feilding, Esqrs, Commrs for executing the office of Master of the Horse, between 19th July 1712 & 11 Novr 1715," &c. 1 *page.*

12 Nov. 23. John Middleton to William Lowndes, Esq. Being in Sussex in order to raise the money due from Mr Eversfield to the Government, heard there was an extent coming out against his (Eversfield's) estate and his own, by which he was obliged to hasten to town before he could effect the settlement. Has contracted with Mr Gale for the sale of some part of his own estate. Hoped the Government would indulge him for some short time to have raised the remaining 1,500*l.* The methods he would pursue would bring in the money much sooner than any others. Dated 12 Nov. 1715. 1 *page.*

[About 12 Nov.] 24. A case drawn up for an opinion. *Docquetted* :—"Lottery Act case stated."

Minuted :—"12th November 1715. Read."

14 Nov. 25. Presentment of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, as to allowance of the charges for searching vessels and passengers, especially all persons coming from France without passes from the Earl of Stair; pray directions. Also praying their Lordships'

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order as to how 37*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.* is to be paid to their officers for apprehending and securing Sir William Windham. 14 Nov. 1715.

Minuted:—" 15th November 1715. A general warrant to be prepar'd, & the inclos'd bills to be allow'd." 1 *page.*

14 Nov. 26. The Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury. Have nothing to object to the putting on the Irish establishment of the Count of Vivans, Major Henry Bouguet, and John de Durand, a French minister at Dublin. Remind their Lordships of a petition of Messrs. Saintipolite, Sausin, Bodens, and Col. Boisrond. Dublin Castle, 14 Nov. 1715.

Minuted:—" Prepare war. accordingly." 1 *page.*

15 Nov. 27. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on a letter from William Roberts of Topsham, a tide surveyor, to Mr Secretary Stanhope, respecting regulations for the better security of the revenue in that port. Have no intention of removing Roberts, as he seems to suggest. Are sorry that their Lordships or Mr Secretary Stanhope should be troubled with such groundless complaints. 15 Nov. 1715.

It is mentioned that the officers of the port of Exeter had appointed Thomas Davey as landwaiter at Teignmouth, &c., but Davey had informed them that he was concerned in the prosecution of Mr Gilbert Langdon, minister of Woodberry, for speaking treasonable words against his Majesty, and it would be inconvenient for him to remove to Teignmouth.

The letter referred to, and a covering letter from Mr Secretary Stanhope. 4 *pages.*

15 Nov. 28. J. Burchett, for the Lords of the Admiralty, to the Secretaries of the Treasury. Asking them to move the Lords of the Treasury to issue money to the Treasurer of the Navy to satisfy the Provost of Edinburgh, who had with much zeal for the King's service, supplied the commanders of the men-of-war employed in the river against the rebels, when no one there would give them credit. Admiralty Office, 15 Nov. 1715.

Minuted:—" Read." 1½ *pages.*

15 Nov. 29. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, relating to certain brandy seized out of the ship " Mary," the master of which, Lancelot Errington, had surprised and taken possession of the castle of Holy Island. The riding surveyor on the coast of Northumberland immediately went to Berwick to give notice thereof. He apprehended that Errington (who had for several years been a common smuggler) might have brought stores for the rebels then at Wooller; he (the surveyor) came to the island the next day, when several persons sent by the magistrates of Berwick, with about 20 soldiers, came and retook the castle. Whereupon the riding officer and others made a seizure of the brandy, &c. on board the vessel. The officers of the castle pretended to have made the seizure, but

the Com^{rs} were of opinion that the officers of Customs were the prior seizers, and entitled to the officers' share. 15 Nov. 1715.

Minuted:—"17 December 1715. Read. To be consider'd when the petition from Berwick comes up."

Eleven enclosures. 20 *pages.*

17 Nov. 30. "Copy of the Attorney-General's opinion, dated the 17th of November 1715, concerning the Collectors of the Customs in the Plantations receiving the duties of enumerated goods in pieces of 8/8'—A." 4½ *pages.*

17 Nov. 31. Henry Baker to the Lords of the Treasury. Was commanded by the Com^{rs} of Customs to inquire into the behaviour of the collector and other officers at Weymouth, and into the management of the revenue, and how the officers were affected to the constitution. Encloses certificate from the mayor and bailiff of Weymouth and Melcombe Regis. Custom House, Poole. 17 Nov. 1715.

The certificate referred to, which states that Thomas Bower, Esq., the collector, was not well affected to the House of Hanover. 2 *pages.*

19 Nov. 32. R. Congreve to the Lords of the Treasury, describing the very "malloncolly curcumstances" the garrison [at Gibraltar] was in for want of provisions, the contractor having failed to send a supply. If it had not been their good fortune to be relieved by a ship that came by accident from Ireland they would have been reduced to the greatest distress. Gibraltar, 19 Nov. 1715, O.S.

Minuted:—"Read." 1 *page.*

21 Nov. 33. Lord Townshend to the Lords of the Treasury. Asking them to give directions for 40*s.* a day, to be paid to M^{r} Luke Schamb, Lord Cobham's secretary, who, on his Lordship's leaving Vienna, continued the care of his Majesty's affairs till the arrival of another minister. Whitehall, 21 Nov. 1715.

Minuted:—"Orderd, 24 Nov^{br} 1715." See also *Minute Book,* Vol. 20, p. 192, to the same effect. 2 *pages, quarto.*

22 Nov. 34. M^{r} Secretary Stanhope to the Lords of the Treasury. Asking that his Majesty's pleasure, as notified in a former letter, in favour of Captain William Taverner, might take effect. Whitehall, 22 Nov. 1715. 1 *page, quarto.*

23 Nov. 35. J. Burchett, for the Lords of the Admiralty, to the Secretaries of the Treasury. The Lords of the Admiralty have received a memorial from the Governor and Directors of Greenwich Hospital, representing that the Prince of Denmark intended, as her Majesty did, after his decease, to settle upon the Hospital the Queen's house at Greenwich, with the park, gardens, and appurtenances. The Governor and Directors laid out a considerable sum on the house to fit it for the reception of the Governor. More than seven years have elapsed without a settlement of the same, and more than 4,000*l.* have been expended. The house is in a ruinous condition. Asks that they will lay these affairs before the Lords of the Treasury, and

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that the latter will move his Majesty to bestow the house, &c. on the hospital in regard that the present revenue is hardly sufficient to defray the expenses. Admiralty Office, 23 Nov. 1715. 2 *pages.*

[? About 23 Nov.] 36. Petition of John Lane to the Lords of the Treasury. Petitioner was Commander of the ship "Herne," belonging to the East India Company, trading to and from the Indies, and was charged by Clark, the Quartermaster with bringing home serges, bullion, tea, &c. Clark, being unsuccessful in his charges before the East India Company, carried them before the Com^rs of Customs. Prays for directions to be given to the Attorney-General to stay the informations, and for a warrant to "non pros" the same.

Referred to the Com^rs of Customs, 23 Nov. 1715.

Also five affidavits. 5 *pages.*

23 Nov. 37. Memorial of the Board of Greencloth. 62,000*l.* used to be payable as great pensions and charities out of M^r Compton's office at Whitehall, which were rated and paid towards the taxes laid by Act of Parliament upon the palaces of Whitehall and St. James's; and now there is about half that sum payable at Whitehall "whereby the tax upon y^e family must consequently be raised to make good the other half." It is hoped that the Lords of the Treasury will transfer as many pensions as his Majesty already hath, or shall grant to be so paid as to be taxable in Whitehall. 23 Nov. 1715.

Minuted:—"23 X^br 1715. Read." 1 *page.*

24 Nov. 38. Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Col. Toby Purcell, desiring a pension for his son until otherwise provided for. Recommend a pension of 200*l.* per ann. till some other provision can be made. Dublin Castle, 24 Nov. 1715.

Minuted:—"18th January 1715. Prepare a warrant.—W^t signed."

The petition referred to, and another petition setting forth his services and disappointments. 4 *pages.*

24 Nov. 39. Report of the Solicitor-General to the Lords of the Treasury, on the question:—"Whether the Crown has not a power to make a third auditor for accounts whereof the auditing is not already granted to others, and particularly of the new duties therein-before mentioned." Has no doubt that the Crown has the power, but the question depends on the extent of the grants to the present auditors. Upon the whole matter is of opinion that when the patents to the present auditors of imprests determine, the Crown may distribute their offices into as many auditors as the Crown shall think fit. During the continuance of the patents the Crown may create a third auditor for the accounts of such duties as the Treasury shall from time to time refer to him, but as to certain accounts the present auditors are well entitled to them by their patents. 24 Nov. 1715.

Also "Copy of a view of the auditor's office, as granted by the letters patents to Mr F. with relation to the new Duties." 30 *pages.*

25 Nov. 40. Lord Townshend to the Lords of the Treasury, signifying his Majesty's pleasure that the enclosed bills of Capt. Williamson be paid, amounting to 113li, likewise a bounty of 100 guineas for his services on account of his having brought over from Antwerp the Barrier Treaty signed. Whitehall, 25 Nov. 1715.

Minuted:—"4th January 1715. Warrant to be prepared." *Again:* "Wt signed."

The account of his expenses, the first item of which is:—"July 10th 1715. Expences in going express from Brussells to London by the way of Calais with the first news of the Pretender, 15*l.*" 3 *pages.*

25 Nov. 41. Memorial of the Lady Catherine Jones, daughter of the Earl of Ranelagh, to the Lords of the Treasury, praying for the advance of the 500*l.* for which she had obtained their minute, and for such other sums as would be necessary for clerks to bring her father's affairs to a satisfactory conclusion When the final accounts of her late father are faithfully stated, it will appear that the many millions said to be unaccounted for, have been applied to the uses for which they were given. 25 Nov. 1715.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. 20, p. 193, is:—"My Lords will issue to Lady Katherine Jones, to enable her to pass and finish her father's accounts out of the first publique mony coming into ye Excheqr applicable to such a paymt."

Also a previous memorial from her of 2 Dec. 1714. See also the same *Minute Book*, p. 39. 6 *pages.*

28 Nov. 42. Petition of Nathaniel Blakiston, Esq., to the Lords of the Treasury. As the revenue from tobacco for the support of the Government of Virginia has fallen short, and by the assistance which that government has lent to Carolina the deficiency is greatly increased, and as the Receiver-General has 2,156*l.* 6*s.* 5¾*d.* in his hands, and further, as his Majesty's predecessors have always made good the above revenue from the quit-rents, prays that the above sum may be transferred to make good the deficiency. 28 Nov. 1715.

Minuted:—"24th January 1715. Prepare a warrant for the cash now in hand." 1 *page, quarto.*

30 Nov. 43. Copy of warrant signed by the Duke of Bolton to Sir Isaac Newton, Knt, & others, "referrees" to H.R.H. Prince George of Denmark, and Mr. Churchill, printer, for the delivery to the author of 300 copies of the Astronomical Observations made by the Rev. John Flamstead, H.M. Astronomer at the Observatory at Greenwich, comprised in a book entitled, *Historia Cœlestis,* printed at the expense of the above Prince, and for the remaining 40 copies to be sent to the Duke to be disposed of as his Majesty shall think fit. 30 Nov. 1715. 1 *page.*

Nov. 44. Copy of the Attorney-General's report on the Sheriff of Warwickshire's representations relating to the charge of raising the *posse* to suppress the riots in and about Birmingham, in the co. of Warwick. Does not know of any law that obliges the Crown to pay the *posse* for doing their duty. It seems hard that if the constables have been necessitated to make the disbursements that they should not be repaid, but it can only be done by his Majesty, as they cannot make a rate for these expenses. 1 *page.*

Nov. 45. "Abstract of the acco^{ts} of his Majesty's stamp duties and moneys ariseing therefrom, now remaining in the hands of John Hamilton, head distributor and collector of the same in North Brittain." November 1715. 1 *double page.*

1 Dec. 46. Report of the Attorney-General (Northey) to the Lords of the Treasury. Since he sent in his report on the making of a new auditor, finds he was misled in one matter of fact, which is, that the words "and of all other subsidies whatsoever by Act of Parliament granted, or to be granted," were anciently in the auditors of the imprests' patents. This induced him to apprehend that the word subsidies should be taken in a restrained sense, and be confined to such as were anciently and properly called subsidies, when the word subsidies was first used in the patents; but until 21 May, 24 Car. II., finds these words were not in the auditors' patents. This has altered the question, and he now thinks the whole clause concerns only customs. M^{r} Solicitor-General and he often met to consider this question, and it was apprehended by both, and so they were told, that these words were in ancient patents, and they directed their clerks to search at the Rolls "how they had been." M^{r} Solicitor-General's clerk laid before his master what was found, but he (the Attorney-General) was not informed thereof. At M^{r} Solicitor-General's desire, he let him see the rough draft of his report, but did not obtain a similar favour from the Solicitor-General. 1 Dec. 1715.

Also a brief note of various Acts as they touch upon the question of appointment of auditors. 6 *pages.*

2 Dec. 47. "Copy of a letter to M^{r} Secretary Stanhope from the Board of Trade, upon the petition of Mons. Durepaire, for some lands in the late French part of S^{t} Christophers, dated Dec^{r} 2^{d}, 1715." His claim was void, as neither he nor his wife were naturalized. 2 *pages.*

5 Dec. 48. Order in Council made on the petition of Edward Semeins, gent., who proposed to raise five millions annually by a scheme which will be so far from being a burthen to the King's subjects, that they will gain great advantage by it, commerce will be made more large and flourishing, and all fraudulent and clandestine practices detected. Petitioner prays that some persons of distinction may be appointed to examine into it, and that he may be rewarded. Petitioner is ordered to attend the Lords of the Treasury with his scheme, who are to examine and report on it. 5 Dec. 1715.

The petition and the paper referred to, which he calls "An Essay." His scheme was that all persons engaged in inland trading should pay the 120th part of a pound "out of such stock or money as they shall annually in their severall and particular manner of dealings be found to vend or sell." 9 *pages.*

6 Dec. 49. Commrs of Customs (Ireland) to the Lords of the Treasury. In obedience to their Lps' commands, ordered their solicitors to attend the Attorney and Solicitor-General to ascertain what legal steps should be taken to possess themselves of the estate of which the late Duke of Ormond was possessed at his attainder. Their answer was that the Crown should issue commissions to inquire of what estate the late Duke was possessed at the time of the attainder. Their solicitors are told that no motion can be made until the act of attainder is transmitted. Custom House, Dublin, 6 Dec. 1715.

Also copy of the case submitted for the opinion of the Attorney and Solicitor-General.

Minuted:—"15 December 1715. Read. Let Mr Cracherode take care that what is here desired be done." 2 *pages.*

7 Dec. 50. Report of the Comrs of Hides, &c. to the Lords of the Treasury, on a letter from Portsmouth concerning abuses committed by the sheriffs' bailiffs, in collecting small sums which have been set *in super* on the accounts of receivers of the duties on houses in former years. Office of Hides, &c., 7 Dec. 1715.

Minuted:—"Read 4 Jan. 1715–16. Lett the sollr enquire further into this matter, and informe himself what particular persons are guilty of this fraud, and p̃sent their names to my Lords in order to prosecution."

The letter referred to. 3 *pages.*

8 Dec. 51. Moses Beranger to the Lords of the Treasury. Sends an account of the tin sent to Amsterdam under his direction. There remains due to him about 21,105*l.*, and the quantity of tin unsold in Holland is about 770 tons. London, 8 Dec. 1715. 2 *pages.*

8 Dec. 52. Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury. Sending an address of the House of Commons, recommending Captain Arnold Cosbye and several other officers, formerly of Brigadier Wolseley's regiment of horse, to be put upon the list of half pay. Asking for his Majesty's pleasure thereon. Dublin Castle, 8 Dec. 1715.

The address referred to. 3 *pages.*

8 Dec. 53. Similar letter and enclosure in favour of Captain James Sterling, formerly of the Earl of Donegal's regiment. Same date.

Memorandum that the Lords Justices would readily comply with the request of the House of Commons and lay their recommendation in favour of Captain Sterling before his Majesty.

Also petition of the above Captain James Sterling, detailing his services. He was in the expedition against Cadiz, and by lying in the trenches was incapacitated from going with his regiment to the West Indies, and was deprived of his commission by the Duke of Ormond. 4 *pages.*

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9 Dec. 54. Memorandum that John Clarke, who made an information against one Captain Lane, late Commander of the ship "Herne," for running goods, had said that he knew nothing of the matter now, and would not appear against him. 9 Dec. 1715. 1 *page.*

9 Dec. 55. Board of Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury, as to what was due to them for providing and sending ordnance and other stores of war to North Britain, also for fortifications abroad, for saltpetre, and for accepting the bills of Mons. Klingraffe for 10,000 muskets and bayonets sent from Holland. 9 Dec. 1715.

Minuted:—"Read 14 Xbr̃ 1715." 2 *pages.*

12 Dec. 56. Report of M^{r} Thomas Hewett to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of the Keepers of Windsor Great Park, for the repair of the paling there. Sends an estimate thereof, and also of other repairs not valued by the keepers, which the Duchess of Marlborough desired might be represented. Proposes how the repairs may be carred out. 12 Dec. 1715.

The petition and an account of the repairs that are wanting. 6 *pages.*

12 Dec. 57. Report of the same to the same, on the memorial of the Countess Dowager of Berkeley. Finds by the surveyor's certificate annexed that there remains of the 6,000*l.* granted by King William to the Countess, to be raised out the scrub, birches, and other trees in Dean Forest, 750*l.* Is informed that the sum may be raised out of the woods in Dean Forest. Dec. 12, 1715.

The memorial and certificate referred to.

Recommended by M^{r} Speaker. *Minuted*:—"15th Dec^{r} 1715. The Prevy Seale to be renewed for the 750^{li} remaining." 3½ *pages.*

13 Dec. 58. "A method to raise one million of money immediately for the exigency of the public without any new fund." By Richard Carter. Dated from the Woolpack, in Cornhill. December 13, 1715. [It is a scheme for a lottery.] 3 *pages.*

13 Dec. 59. Deposition on oath of Richard Wigg, Surveyor and Searcher of his Majesty's Customs for the Port of Charlestown, in the province of South Carolina, before Richard Trott, Esq., Chief Justice of the province, and William Rhett, Esq., H.M. Surveyor and Controller, as to certain goods clandestinely taken on board a sloop, of which Christopher Hall was the master. The Custom House officers were forcibly prevented from searching the vessel. 13 Dec. 1715.

Similar deposition of Walter Clarke, a mariner of H.M. Custom House yacht of Charlestown, to the same effect. 3 *pages (brief size.)*

14 Dec. 60. Accounts of moneys received in the Alienation Office for fines upon alienations. The last date is 14 Dec. 1715. Signed, "E. Whitaker, Deputy to y^{e} Right Hon^{ble} y^{e} Earle of Orrery, Rec^{r} Gen^{ll}." 4 *pages.*

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15 Dec. 61. Presentment of the Com^{rs} for Salt to the Lords of the Treasury. The exportation of pilchards in Cornwall and Plymouth has very much increased of late years, which they take to be owing to fraudulent practices in exporting fish not well cured for the sake of the drawback, &c. This gives besides great demand for foreign salt, which requires the utmost care to secure the duty on it. Recommend the appointment of a supervisor to reside at Fowey, whose district should be from Plymouth to Penzance. Pray a warrant to place such supervisor upon the establishment. Salt Office, 15 Dec. 1715. 1½ *pages.*

[? About 15 Dec.] 62. Petition of Edmund Watkinson, John Sheffield, and William Downer to the Lords of the Treasury. Petitioners are the securities for Edward Carlton, late of London, merchant, who failed, being indebted to the Crown 16,000*l.* In the sale of the bankrupt's estate the Com^{rs} accepted a proposal from D^{r} Radcliffe far below the value of the estate. Pray to be heard before the grant passes.

Minuted:—"15th December 1715. Read. My Lords think they cannot hear this matter over again." 1 *page, brief size.*

[In the *Minute Book*, Vol. 20, p. 184. 15 Nov. 1715, is a report of the arguments by counsel at a previous hearing in this case with their Lordships' decision upon it as follows:—"My Lords on considering this case are of opinion that as to y^{e} suretys and cred^{rs} of M^{r} Carlton, they having had due notice when this estate was offered for sale, and none appearing to bid more, have no reason to complain, and therefore my Lords can have no consideracõn for them, but their Lo^{ps} think with M^{r} Attor. and M^{r} Soll^{r} that this bargain was not obligatory upon the Crown, in strictness of law. Nevertheless, for ye hono^{r} of the Crown, and in justice to the proceedings, my Lords instead of setting the estate to sale again, will move the King to accept the 500^{li} offered, and to grant the Privy Seal immediately, to w^{ch} M^{r} Fellows (being first cald̃ in againe) agreed to, desiring that in regard to this 500^{li} more bonds may be assigned to protect the estate."]

17 Dec. 63. Report of the Comptrollers of the Accounts of the Army to the Lords of the Treasury on a memorial of M^{r} Merrill in behalf of M^{r} Howe, praying a warrant for the allowance of a corporal, a drum and 50 privates drafted from the out-pensioners of Chelsea Hospital to reinforce the invalids at Greenwich. The money has been paid to them and should be allowed to Mr. Howe. Privy Garden, Comptroller's Office, 17 Dec. 1715.

Minuted:—"Prepare a warrant for M^{r} Howe for allowing this sum."

Certificate connected therewith. 2½ *pages.*

[? About 18 Dec.] 64. Memorial of Elizabeth Sherman, widow, to the Lords of the Treasury. Is reduced from a plentiful fortune by losses and the expense of educating 12 children (seven of whom survive.) Through her Majesty's late almoner obtained 100 guineas a year; a year and a half of which was due at Michaelmas, by which she is in extreme distress. Prays payment and the establishment of her pension.

Minuted:—"18th December 1715. Read. Issue to the Trear̃er of the Chambers as much as for a year at Mids^{r} to be p^{d} to M^{rs} Sherman as part of the 400^{li} p ann. issued to the T^{r} of Chambers.

23^{d}. To be abstracted and layd before y^{e} King."

A paper headed:—"Extrait de la requete d'Elizabeth Sherman," which contains the additional information that she received the pension for service rendered to the Duke of Gloucester (French.) 4 *pages*.

A letter from Edward Oliver in corroboration.

[? About 18 Dec.] 65. Memorial of Mary Wilson, widow of D^{r} Thomas Wilson, late physician to the English hospitals in Flanders, to the First Com^{r} of the Treasury, &c. About 10 months previously represented her great misfortunes and the sufferings of her husband, who died of the barbarous usage received from the enemy in Flanders about four years before. No provision was made for petitioner or her children. M^{r} Pulteney reported that there was no establishment in the War Office for any provision for her as a physician's widow, but mentioned 30*l.* a year as a sum to be settled upon her by the Treasury, which she presumes is the reason no more was settled upon her. Hopes that this allowance will be thought inferior to her husband's post and character, whose pay was 20*s.* a day. Prays for an additional pension.

Minuted:—"18th Dec^{r} 1715. The 30^{li} p ann. is all the petitioner can have." 1 *page*.

10 Dec. 66. M^{r} Secretary Stanhope to the Lords of the Treasury, signifying his Majesty's pleasure that out of the remainder of the 500^{li} ordered to defray the funeral expenses, &c. of Don Bentura de Zari, the late Morocco Ambassador, the bills of his physician and apothecary should be paid prior to any other creditors. Whitehall, 19 Dec. 1715.

Minuted:—"Read 29th Dec. 1715." 1 *page, quarto*.

19 Dec. 67. S. Molyneux to M^{r} Lowndes. Has laid before his Royal Highness's Council the enclosed certificate from the Auditor of Wales of the fees usually paid to the Barons of the Court of Exchequer out of the revenues of Wales, together with the warrant for payment. Is desired to say that there is no objection to the signing of the warrant. S^{t} James's, 19 Dec. 1715.

The papers referred to. 3 *pages*.

VOL. CXCIV. 22 December to 31 December and Part I. (Classified).

[? About 22 Dec.] 1. Petition of the Master of the Barges and Watermen to his Majesty. There is a bill of service due signed by the Lord Chamberlain in the R^{t} Hon. the Earl of Radnor's Office, and six month's salary more due this present Christmas 1715. Ask payment, urging their necessity and the hardness of the weather.

Minuted :—" 22 December 1715." 1 *page*.

[? About 22 Dec.] 2. A scheme in order to compute the charges of the special commissions of oyer and terminer and gaol delivery for trying the rebels taken at Preston in Lancashire.

34 persons were proposed to be employed.

Minuted :—" 22d December 1715. Read. 1,500li to be imprested for trying the rebells in Lancashire. Vide *Min. Book.*" [Vol. 20, p. 200.] 2 *pages*.

[? About 22 Dec.] 3. Two letters from Rachell Briggins, the one to the Rt Hon. Sir Wm Quintin, one of the Lords of the Treasury, and the other to Wm Lowndes. Esq., asking for their favour at the Treasury Board, and for compassion on her fatherless children, she being left a widow by the accidental fall of her husband, who was working at the Savoy. Lord Galway and the Duke of Bolton recommended her to Lord Carlisle.

Minuted :—" 22d Decr 1715, to be consider'd when Mr Cholmley comes to town." 2 *pages*.

[? About 22 Dec.] 4. Auditor Harley's report to the Lords of the Treasury, on Sir Sir Henry Furnese's account of remittances for the forces in Flanders between 25 May 1705 and 11 August 1710.

Minuted :—" R. 22 Xbr 1715."

" 2d January 1716. Read. Vide *Minute Book.*"

" R. 4 Feb. 1716."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. 21, p. 62, is :—" Auditor Harley, with Sir Robert Furnese and Mr Beranger are called in. The state of the accounts of Sir Henry Furnese is read and debated. Order'd that Sir Robt Furnese do attend the auditor, with a certificate from the Earl of Carnarvon's office of the several species wherein he paid the money to Sir Henry Furnese in the years specified in the account. And the auditor is to inform himself what the common rates of discount were at that time upon the same species respectively, and thereupon to make a report in writing, and these partys are to attend therewith on this day sen'ight." 10 *large pages*.

[? About 22 Dec.] 5. Copy of a letter from the Comrs of Victualling to Mr Taylour, dated the 19th January 1714.

Minuted :—" 22d Decr 1715. Read."

[This is probably an enclosure to further proceedings with regard to Mr Conduit's affairs in the victualling of Gibraltar.] 1½ *pages*.

23 Dec. 6. Petition of Edward Wharton, Receiver of the Revenue of Hackney Coaches and Chairs, to the Lords of the Treasury. Has paid 68*l*. 15*s*. 10*d*. for passing his patent. As this exceeds his salary prays allowance for that sum.

Minuted :—" To be inserted in the Incidts."

Also a note from him to Mr Lowndes asking him to read the above petition to their Lordships that the Comrs for Hackney

Coaches might be directed thereon. Dated 23 Dec. 1715. 2 *pages.*

23 Dec. 7. Memorial of the R^{t} Hon. John, Lord De la Warr to the Lords of the Treasury. Was lately one of the four Tellers of the Exchequer. 719*l.* 17*s.* 2$\frac{3}{4}$*d.* in the custody of the Clerk of the Pells had not been called for. Asks for a warrant to the King's Remembrancer to deliver up his bonds. Exchequer, 23 Dec. 1715.

Minuted :—" W^{t} signed."

Also a certificate. 2 *pages.*

23 Dec. 8. A series of warrants to the Paymaster of Lotteries, marked with the letters from A. to H., regulating the necessaries for the office of the Controller or Paymaster of various lotteries. Dated 23 Dec. 1715, with a " report from the Com^{rs} for making out orders regulating the necessaries for the new offices at y^{e} Excheq^{r} that are discharg'd the liberate." 27 *large pages.*

24 Dec. 9. Com^{rs} of Customs, Scotland, to the Lords of the Treasury. General Cadogan has applied to have a cargo of butter from Ireland, now at Leith Road, to be landed for the use of the Dutch troops, but they dare not comply, as it is contrary to statute; pray directions. Custom House, Edinburgh, 24 Dec. 1715.

Minuted :—" 1st Jan^{ry} 1715. My Lords dare not pretend to dispense wth an act of parliam^{t}." 1 *page.*

25 Dec. 10. " An acco^{t} showing the total value of foreign coin and bullion exported from this kingdom in seventeen distinct years, from Christmas 1698 to Christmas 1715." 1 *page.*

25 Dec. 11. The naval officer's account of vessels arrived at or cleared from the Island of Antigua. Between 25 June and 25 Dec. 1715, showing the names, burthen, cargo, tonnage, &c. 6 *double pages.*

25 Dec. 12. Account of what is wanting to bring up all payments on the Civil List to Midsummer 1715; as also an estimate of the debt thereupon to Xmas 1715.

Account of payments made at the Exchequer towards the expense of his Ma^{ts} Civil List for the quarter ended at Xm̃as 1715; as also an estimate of what is wanting to bring up all payments thereupon to that time.

Also account of what is wanting to bring up all payments on the Civil List to Mich̃as 1715. 2$\frac{1}{4}$ *pages.*

26 Dec. 13. Report of A. Cracherode (Treasury Solicitor) to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Dr. Thomas Fallows, which sets forth that the petitioner had for many years been eminent for curing lunatic patients, and that he effected the cure of one John Alderman, who, instead of paying him for the cure, made oath that he (the petitioner) had conspired with his (Alderman's) wife to betray him into the petitioner's hand, the better to accomplish their designs of embezzling his goods and living indecently together. Petitioner

was convicted and sentenced to stand in the pillory and to pay a fine of 600*l.* to her late Majesty. He underwent the punishment, and prayed to have his fine remitted and to be released. The report gives the purport of divers affidavits in relation to the petitioner, one of which shows that two of the witnesses on his case were guilty of perjury, and that Alderman was guilty of subornation of perjury. Is of opinion that the petitioner, having already suffered such corporal punishment and undergone an imprisonment of above three years, is an object of compassion, and that the fine should be remitted. 26 Dec. 1715.

The petition, which was referred to be reported on 9 Sept. 1715, five affidavits, and a certificate in his favour.

Minuted:—"6 Aug^t^ 1717. A warr^t^ to y^e^ Att. Gen^ll^ to acknowledg satisfaction upon Record if not dischargd by y^e^ act of grace." 10 *pages.*

28 Dec. 14. J. Holbech to [M^r^ Lowndes]. Hopes their Lordships will not retrench the allowance M^r^ Chetwynd agreed to make him, according to the accompanying "state," and that he will intercede with their L^ps^ to let the balance, which he (Holbech) is to pay M^r^ Chetwynd remain as he agreed, viz., 1,208*l.* 15*s.* 10*d.*, and that he (Holbech), who had served the Crown 25 years faithfully, should not have to pay more. 28 Dec. 1715.

Also "Mr. Lowndes state of the acco^t^ of fees between M^r^ Chetwyn and M^r^ Holbech." 3 *pages.*

29 Dec. 15. A parcel of certificates of money arising by sale of tin, and payments therefrom between 24 Dec. 1714 and 29 Dec. 1715. [Of little worth.]

30 Dec. 16. Certificate from the Jewel House, of 5,820 oz. of white plate, and of 1,118 oz. of gilt plate, delivered to Paul Methuen, Esq., Ambassador Extraordinary from His Majesty to the King of Spain, for his table during his embassy. 30 Dec. 1715.

Minuted:—"16th January 1715. Warr^t^ signd." 1 *page.*

30 Dec. 17. Certificates of arrears of the several land taxes for the household, and of what assessments have been made. Office for Hides, &c. 30 Dec. 1715.

Minuted:—"Read 4th Jan^ry^ 1715." 2¼ *pages.*

30 Dec. 18. Petition of Hanworth Fitch to the Lords of the Treasury. Has served under three Treasurers of Excise, and was dismissed under the fourth to make room for a friend; praying for allowance or employment. He further says "that his grandfather (vizt.) his own mother's father, Capt. Rob^t^ Gosnold, served his present Majesties grandfather in the Palatinate & the Protestant cause in France, Flanders, & Ireland for many years; for which service his present Majesties great grandfather, King James the First (to whom the Capt. was well knowne), gave him a thousand acres of land in the Plantation of Osserie, after which the Duke of Buckingham made suite to the King for the whole plantation, which was given him upon condition of his giving yo^r^ pet^rs^ grandfather satisfaction, & it was thereupon

agreed between them that the Capt. should have a thousand pounds for his part, but before any of the money was paid the Duke was unhappily stabb'd by Felton, and so the Captain's family afterwards received from his Dutchess only one single twenty-five pounds in money, although the land was soon after improved to some thousands of pounds." 30 Dec. 1715.

Also "The case of Hanworth Fitch, borne a gentleman and bred a goldsmith and banker, who lost his estate by change of government."

In this he says that he was by his mother's side "related to one of the best families in England, viz^{t}, the Grays of Suffolk, and his father had had the government of Inverness and all the North part of Scotland at one time and at another, the government of the City and castle of Carlisle, and lastly, the government of the Tower of London, where he showed great kindness to the Royal party."

Minuted :—"30th Dec. 1716. Rejected." 2½ *pages.*

31 Dec. 19. Lord Townshend to the Lords of the Treasury. Col. Thomas Harrison having brought to the King, from the Duke of Argyle, an account of the victory obtained over the rebels in Scotland, near Dumblain, the King ordered 500*l.* to be paid to him. Asks that directions for payment may be given. Whitehall, 31 Dec. 1715.

Minuted :—"W^{t} signed." 1 *page, quarto.*

CLASSIFIED (PART I.) not being worthy of individual description.

20. Papers showing the monthly amounts received for fees by various officers of the Treasury for the year 1715. 12 *papers and enclosures.*

VOL. CXCV. 1715. CLASSIFIED (PART II.).

1. Papers connected with the affairs of the Victualling department, including letters and reports of the Com^{rs}, proposals or tenders, petitions, &c. 28 *papers and enclosures.*

2. Papers relating to the business of the Paymaster-General of Guards, Garrisons, &c., and sometimes combined with that of the Secretary-at-War, including reports on claims for pay, subsistence, contingencies, &c. 38 *papers and enclosures.*

3. Papers connected with the Navy and Admiralty Departments, such as letters, estimates of debt, &c. 12 *papers.*

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4. Papers connected with the affairs of the Paymaster-General of the Marine Regiments, of which Sir Roger Mostyn, Bart., was paymaster, including memorials, reports, &c., some of which relate to the disbanding and making up the accounts of those regiments. 23 *papers and enclosures.*

VOL. CXCVI. 1715. CLASSIFIED (PART III.) AND UNDATED.

1. Papers relating to the affairs of the Com^{rs} for Transports. 10 *papers and enclosures.*

2. Weekly and fortnightly certificates by Archibald Douglas of Cavers, General Receiver of the land tax, Crown rents, &c., and new duties upon houses in Scotland, &c. 8 Jan. 1713–14 to 31 Dec. 1715.

UNDATED, but supposed to be for the Year 1715.

3. Certificate of the death and burial of Serj. Salkeld, Chief Justice of North Wales, in the parish church of Fifheadnevil, co. Dorset. 6 *lines.*

4. Memorial of William Sharpe, late President and Commander-in-Chief of the Island of Barbadoes, to the Lords of the Treasury. Complains of the expense he was put to by his two voyages out and home in less than a year in consequence of being superseded. Conceives that when it was made a rule of the Treasury to allow but half the salary to a president, it was supposed and understood that he was on the spot, and the presidency devolved upon him of course, so that being at no new expense, half the salary was judged sufficient. As the rule of the Treasury cannot be got over, prays to be relieved by way of bounty. 1 *page.*

5. Memorial to the Lords of the Treasury of Thomas, Earl of Strafford, for 3,300*l.* due to him for salary and extraordinary expenses as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the States General from 6 June to 6 Sept. 1712, and from 21 March 1713–14 to 1 Aug. 1714. The late Lord Halifax, when head of the Treasury, promised that what was due to him in the Queen's time, though postponed, should shortly be paid him. Undated, but Lord Halifax died in the beginning of 1715.

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A letter from Lord Strafford, dated at the Hague, and two papers containing the particulars for which he craves allowance. One of the items is, "For his journey to England by speciall order, when he returned to the Hague with the seven Generall points for peace, signed by Monsr Meneger, 350*l.*" 4 *pages.*

6. Memorial and petition of Mary Johnson of Great Yarmouth, widow, relict of Col. John Johnson, deceased, to the Lords of the Treasury. Her husband having served the Government in the late wars by land near 40 years, was on 1 July 1702 made Lieut.-Governor of the Island of Nevis. There was due to him from 10 Apr. 1703 to 31 Aug. 1706 (the day of his death), 678*l.* 18*s.* 4*d.*

Upon the death of Sir William Matthew, late Governor-in-Chief of the Leeward Islands (which happened on 4 Dec. 1704), he took the command of the Islands till the arrival of Col. Parks (14 July 1706), the salary for which amounts to 963*l.* 5*s.* 9*d.* Her husband was particularly active in the defence of those Islands against the attempts of the French. In August 1706 he was barbarously murdered in the execution of his office, and all his effects to the value of 8,000*l.* were secured by Governor Parks, who was afterwards murdered, and petitioner (Johnson's widow) unable to recover any part thereof, is, with a numerous family, reduced to great want. Mr Blathwait in 1707 reported that there was due 1,321*l.* 1*s.* 10¾*d.* to petitioner's husband. Her Majesty granted her sign manual for the payment of that sum, but upon the removal of the Earl Godolphin it was lost or mislaid. Prays for a new sign manual or order for payment. Her necessities have been considerably increased by a long and fruitless attendance upon this affair for several years [Perhaps about 1715.]

Encloses copies of certificates. 5 *pages.*

7. Petition to the Lords of the Treasury of John Walker, Esq., son of the late Dr George Walker. Was granted by her late Majesty in 1709 a pension of 200*l.* until 2,000*l.* should be paid him in one entire sum, and petitioned his Majesty, soon after his accession, to augment the said pension of 200*l.*; which petition was referred to the Earl of Sunderland, Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland, who referred it to the Lords Justices. Their report, recommending that his pension should be augmented to 300*l.* for a certain term, together with other papers on the subject, have lain at the Treasury for some months past; prays therefore that the said 2,000*l.* may be paid, together with all arrears of the 200*l.* pension, or that the pension may be augmented as recommended by the Lords Justices.

Undated, but the papers he mentions as having lain at the Treasury for some months past, are described under 23 May 1715. 1 *page.*

8. The Court of Directors of the Bank of England to the Lords of the Treasury. On 30 June 1715 the directors agreed to accept tallies from the Treasurer of the Navy in payment of loans due to the bank thereupon; and the Treasury by a minute of the same

date promised to make good to the directors any deficiencies on the tallies out of money to be imprested to the Treasurer of the Navy. There being a deficiency of 8,590*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.* on the tallies for hops, the Directors pray that the said sum, with the interest due thereon from 1 Sept. 1711, may be so paid to the bank.

Minuted:—"A Clause to be prepar'd to pay the Deficiency on Hops out of Arrears of Taxes now remaining in the Excheq^{r} unappropriated." 1 *page.*

9. Memorial "for M^{r} Niell Campbell and M^{r} Patric Campbell, Secretaries, and for the other servants of the Hon. Board of Police in Scotland to the Lords of the Treasury," praying for a warrant to pay their salaries, as warrants had been granted to pay the Com^{rs}. The Commission of Police was granted in Dec. 1714. 1 *page, torn away at the foot.*

10. "An acco^{t} of what is due to M^{r} Scot, late Envoy to the King of Poland." His services were rendered from 1712 to 1715. 1 *page, quarto.*

11. Memorial of Sir David Hamilton, Kn^{t}, physician in ordinary to the late Queen Anne, to the Lords of the Treasury. There was half a year's salary due to him on the Queen's death, and by Act of Parliament he conceives six months more are due to him after her Majesty's death; prays their Lordships to order payment. 1 *page.*

12. Some notes made by some person in the Treasury as to the effect of certain Acts of Parliament in the 8th and 9th years of Anne. *Docqueted*:—"Case relating to the candle duty, &c^{a}." ? 1715. 1 *page.*

13. Memorial of the daughter of Edmund Dummer, Esq., late Surveyor of the Navy, who left his widow and daughter entirely unprovided for. Her late Majesty granted them 150*l.* a year each, payable out of the ordinary of the Navy. M^{r} Dummer had contrived and made new docks at Portsmouth and Plymouth, and several other useful buildings, and had weighed the St. David man-of-war. He had set up a monthly correspondence by packet boats to the West Indies, but divers of his boats were captured by the enemy.

The widow never received any benefit from the pension. Petitioner has received her pension from the royal bounty to Lady-day last; prays its continuance.

Three enclosures in corroboration thereof. 5 *pages.*

14. "An abstract, showing how much of the moneys granted for the service of the land forces in the year 1715 remains applicable to the service thereof for the year ending the 24th of Decem^{r} 1714, and how the same is to be issued to the respective offices." 1 *page.*

15. Petition of George Newstead to the Lords of the Treasury, praying for the grant of a building lease for 50 years of certain dilapidated houses at the Savoy, forming part of the dissolved

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hospital of the Savoy; the upper part of one of the houses is used by the Dutch for a chapel. ? 1715 or later.

Referred to Hugh Cholmley, Esq., his Majesty's Surveyor-General, for his report. 1 *page.*

16. Thomas Adderly to the R^{t} Hon. Robert Walpole, Esq. Attends on him on his promise to appoint him to the office of surveyor. Has received advice where three of Sir W^{m} Windom's friends lie concealed, viz., James Hays, Esq., Capt. John Cox, and Samuel Trippet. Has had the Earl of Berkley's warrant for some time to seize them as disaffected to King George, and begs the warrant for his office may be expedited. ? 1715 or later. 1 *page.*

17. Memorial to the Lords of the Treasury of Conyers Darcy and George Fielding, Esq., Com^{rs}. for executing the office of Master of the Horse to her late Majesty Queen Anne. Ask for a further sum of 100*l.* out of the late Queen's arrears to enable them to audit their accounts and pay some small debts. ? 1715 or later. 1 *page.*

18. Petition of Samuel Edmonds "Turnbroach," of the kitchen, to her late Majesty Queen Anne, to the Lords of the Treasury, for payment of arrears of wages, &c. ? 1715 or later. 1 *page.*

19. Memorial of Sir John Anstruther of Anstruther, Bart., to the King. Memorialist and his predecessors have been in possession of the offices of Carver and "one of the Master Households to the Royal Family of Scotland" above 120 years by grants and charters under the Great Seal of Scotland from 1585 downwards. The salary of carver was 381*l.* Scots, or 31*l.* 15*s.* sterling, and a pension of 195*l.* Scots, or 16*l.* 5*s.* sterling. The salary as "Master Household" was 333*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* Scots, or 27*l.* 15*s.* 6$\frac{4}{6}$*d.* sterling. The memorialist and his predecessors have undoubted hereditary title to the offices of inspectors and searchers of prohibited goods and keeper of the "coquets" of the ports of Ely and Anstruther, in Scotland; but these offices, by a resolution of the House of Commons, were found to belong to the Customs, and would disable memorialist from serving in Parliament, and he had omitted them that he might serve in Parliament when the Protestant succession was in danger. He is now ready to surrender them to the Crown. Neither memorialist nor his father have received any salary since the Union. Prays for payment of the arrears since the Union, and to be placed on the Scots' establishment, &c. ? 1715 or later. 2 *pages.*

20. Arrears due to Isabella Hartstongue and Beata Danvers, bedchamber women. ? About 1715.

Also receipt for half-year's rents. 3 *pages.*

21. Memorial of Brigadier George Preston to the Lords of the Treasury, praying a warrant to remove the charge of 800*l.* deducted from the subsistence and clearance of his regiment, as he is left under the hardship of having no provision as Governor of Nieuport,

and is threatened to be arrested by the officers of his regiment for the 800*l.*

Also copy of the officers' memorial to the Duke of Marlborough against Brigadier Preston. June 1715. 2 *pages.*

22. "A State of the Bank Fund upon the foot of the Act passed 1° Georgii Regis." ? 1715.

A rough debtor and creditor account. *Docqueted*:—"Act for the Bank." 2½ *pages, quarto.*

23. "An accompt of the produce of the coynage duty, & expences of the Mints in the three last years. 1715."

In the handwriting of Sir Isaac Newton. 1½ *pages.*

24. An account of what has been ordered to be paid to the Commissioners appointed by her late Majesty to inspect the demolition of the fortifications of the town and port of Dunkirk, viz., out of her late Majesty's arrears, and out of his Majesty's revenues.

Also an estimate of the extraordinary charges relating to Dunkirk, for which no provision has been made in Parliament. ? After 1715. 2 *pages.*

25. Petition of the six "relinquent grandchildren of Richard Pendrill, preserver of his Majesty King Charles the Second," to the Lords of the Treasury. His present Majesty King George has declared in Council that he shall always have a due regard to the services performed to King Charles the Second by petitioner's ancestors. Are reduced to great straits, and pray for relief. Probably about 1714 or 1715. 1 *page.*

26. "An acco^t^ of riding charges paid to the several officers and servants who immediately attended at Kensington, in the reign of her late Ma^ty^ Queen Anne, and payable by the Treasurer of the Chamber, or warr^ts^ from the Lord Chamberlain." 1 *page.*

27. A bill of sums "due to Sir John Shadwell, from her late Majesty." It is hoped the travelling charges will be paid without abatement since they were money out of pocket. One of the items is:—"Extraordinary travelling charges upon her Majesty's frequent and long illness at Windsor and Kensington allowed by the Chamberlain's warrant. 100. 0. 0." 1 *page.*

28. Memorial of Walter Chetwynd, Ranger of S^t^ James's Park, to the Lords of the Treasury, complaining of the bad state of the walks in the park. There are no drains to carry off the water from the great walks parallel to the Mall. His Majesty has taken notice of these inconveniences, and has commanded a thorough repair to be made, and the memorialist conceives it is his Majesty's intention, and that of the rest of the Royal Family, to walk frequently there. Is of opinion that it will be absolutely necessary to make the old walks wider and cover them with a fresh coat of gravel. "Cest-pools" and drains must be made. The whole will amount to a considerable sum. Proposes

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that half of the work shall be done this year and the other half next, &c. 1715 or a little later. [Chetwynd was appointed in Jan. 1714–15. See *Queen's Warrant Book*, Vol. 19, p. 380.] 1 *page.*

29. A list of the Receivers-General of the land-tax for several counties in the year 1715, showing also by whom they were recommended. ½ *page.*

30. Petition of Edmund Longbridge to the Lords of the Treasury. Has been nine years in the public service, three of which he has been deputy to the Controller of Salt Duties. The new Controller has removed him without cause to employ a relation of his lady, a youth of about 20. Prays that he may not be suffered to be made destitute of bread. ? About 1715. 1 *page.*

31. Memorial of Thomas Roberts, gent., agent to the R^t Hon. the Earl of Strafford, to the Lords of the Treasury, praying for a warrant for 730*l.* 10*s.* 8½*d.*, on account of the post fines, of which the Earl is farmer. After May 1715.
Minuted:—" A warr^t to be ꝑpar'd." 1 *page.*

32. Memorial of Alexander, Earl of Home, to the Lords of the Treasury, praying confirmation of a former order for payment of the first quarter of his pension of 200*l.* per ann., due at Lady-day 1715, for which he omitted to apply, being absent in Scotland, and for what is due since. 1 *page.*

33. Memorial of John, Earl of Mar, to the Lords of the Treasury. When her late Majesty appointed him one of her principal Secretaries of State, there being at that time no convenient apartment in the Cockpit for keeping his office, (by reason that most of the rooms which formerly had belonged to that office, whilst enjoyed by the Duke of Queensberry, were, after his decease, taken in as an enlargement to the Treasury Office), the Queen commanded him to take some convenient house in the neighbourhood of Whitehall for his office, her Majesty promising to pay the rent, &c. Whereupon the Earl took a house in Craig's Court, in which his office was kept, and afterwards the Duke of Montrose occupied it when he got the seals. Prays payment of the rent and fittings.
Also the account of what was due. 1½ *pages.*

34. An account of red deer killed by his Majesty's stag hounds in the several walks of Windsor forest for the year 1715, including one deer killed the day after the instalment at Windsor, being after the account for the year 1714 was delivered. 2 *pages.*

35. A paper *docqueted:*—" Abstract of several papers relating to Scotland. The papers herein mentioned are read & minutes are taken upon them."
Several of the papers to which the abstracts refer are described in this Calendar. 9 *pages and* 2 *parts of pages.*

36. Notes, apparently of some copy of Acts of Parliament, relating to revenue, with reference to the pages where they may be found. 2¼ *pages.*

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37. His Majesty's nomination of officers for Lotteries, with the autograph of King Geo. [I.] ? About 1715 or later. 1 *page.*

38. "Yearly allowances to the officers of the Exchequer on account of managem^{t} for the several annuities and lotteries payable there hereunder mentioned. Yearly allowances to the South Sea Company and the Bank of England on account of management." 1715 or later. 2¼ *pages.*

39. Petition of Samuel Story, of London, gentleman, to the Lords of the Treasury. Petitioner purchased certain messuages and lands in 1694, in the county of Warwick, out of which certain fee-farm rents were payable; prays repayment of 10*l.* 10*s.*, wrongfully paid into the Exchequer. ? 1715 or later. 1 *page.*

40. "A bill of several works performed in his Majesty's Park at St. James's in turning the Old Decoy into a regular pond, and making plantations on each side of it, clearing out the mud, and raising the ground and walks all round it, which was worn away by the water, and almost filled up with mud." ? After 1715.

Minuted:—"Prepare a warrant for this upon lr̄es pat^{s} dorm^{t}." 1 *page.*

41. Memorial of James Earl of Hyndford to the Lords of the Treasury, praying for payment of the balance of his pension (824*l.* 18*s.* 4⅙*d.*). ? 1715. 1 *page.*

42. The case of Edward Douglas, gent., late Commissary of Stores abroad, addressed to the Hon. William Lowndes, Esq. Her late Majesty allowed him half-pay until otherwise provided for. The balance of his account depending before the Com^{rs} of Accounts of the Army amounts to 2,317*l.* 2*s.* Prays for consideration. In or after 1715. 1 *page.*

43. Memorial of Mary Rodney and Catherine Alexander, daughters of Sir Henry Newton, Knt., deceased, Judge of the High Court of Admiralty, to the Lords of the Treasury. Their father was near seven years Envoy Extraordinary from her late Majesty to the Great Duke of Tuscany and Republic of Genoa, and whilst there laid out in the public service, several considerable sums beyond the regulation allowance. By her Majesty's express command he made an expensive journey from Florence to Genoa, at which time he obtained from the senate there a remittance of the duties on corn for the British forces in Piedmont and Catalonia, an exemption never granted before and denied since. The money expended was 2,500*l.* Pray for consideration. ? 1715 or 1716.

Copies of three letters in corroboration. 4 *pages.*

44. Petition of Katherine Steele, widow, to the Rt. Hon. Sir Robert Walpole. Her former husband, John Broughterhey, served in the Royal Navy, and perished in the "Association," with Sir Cloudesley Shovel, and she had lost her second husband, Thomas Steele, who was a waterman to the Custom House. Prays assistance to bring up her children. ? 1715 or later. 1 *page.*

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45. Proposals for the prevention of the running of pepper, coffee, tobacco, &c., in the port of London. ? About 1715 or later. 2 *pages.*

46. Petition of John Bouer, Esq., to the Lords of the Treasury. Petitioner came to England three years since to solicit the payment of 5,300*l.* due to him and co-partners for corn and money provided for the garrison, &c. of Port Mahon since the year 1711. Has not been able to obtain payment. Fears that in a longer stay he may spend the remainder of the debt. Prays immediate payment of 1,500*l.* ? After 1715. 1 *page.*

47. Memorial of Mr Collin Mackenzie, Clerk of the Pipe in the Court of Exchequer in Scotland, and Sir Patric Inglis, his Deputy, to the Rt. Hon. Robert Walpole, Esq., Chancellor of the Exchequer, desiring that a commission may be granted to Mr Inglis as Clerk of the Pipe, upon a surrender of the same by the said Mackenzie. [Between 1715 and 1717.] 1 *page.*

48. Memorial of John Murray, of Philiphaugh, Esq., to the same. His Majesty granted to Mr Thomas Lining, Mr David Anderson, and Mr William Miller, three of his Majesty's chaplains in Scotland, a right of teinds formerly belonging to the Dean of the Chapel Royal. The grant is void by the death of the two last named. The lease of a part of these tithes, in the parish of St. Mary of "the Lowes," in the shire of Selkirk, in which parish memorialist resides, has expired. Hoped to have obtained a grant thereof. Hopes objections will be removed, as he is willing to pay whatever annual payments have been made to the chaplains, out of the teinds, since the Revolution; and upon a grant being made to Mr William Bannatyne, minister of the parish, or any other in trust for memorialist, he will pay to any chaplains appointed upon that foundation, the highest fine that has ever been paid. ¾ *page.*

49. Letter signed J. Kelly, with part of the address torn away, but the person to whom it was addressed was Secretary to the Lords of the Treasury, forwarding a proposal which he hopes will be thought advantageous to the Government, noticing that many of his name have been accounted no friends to the present establishment, and to prevent any prejudice against him, stating that he was born at Jamaica, and was son of Major Smith Kelly, Provost Marshal at the time of the Revolution, who, at the hazard of his life, proclaimed King William Lord of that Island, King of England, &c., and was afterwards killed by the French, who ruined a plantation of considerable value of the writer, which loss was followed by one of 400*l.* a year by the fire at Port Royal, for which he had received no reparation.

Indorsed:—"Mr Kelly. Proposal for erecting Lombards."

In the proposal he suggests, amongst other things, that the Government shall take into their hands the letting out money upon pawns throughout the King's dominions. This branch of revenue the memorialist offered to farm of the Government on condition that he might form a company to take subscriptions for the sums requisite, &c. [? After 1715.] 8½ *pages.*

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50. Memorial of Chr. Read to the Lords of the Treasury as to the frauds committed by tidesmen, chiefly on board East India ships, which bring rich goods and pay great duties. Employed Robert Bonele and Henry Lambrick, tidesmen, who detected certain frauds mentioned.

Also the affidavit of Robert Bonele. ? 1715 or 1716. 3 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

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Documents for which a brief description suffices.

Date.	Description of Document.	From	To	Purport.
3 Jan.	1. Memorial -	Comrs. of Transports	Secretaries of the Treasury.	For a renewal of their commission. Enclose account. *Minuted* :—“ Read 10th Jan. 1714. My Lds. see no occasion to renew this comission.” 3 *pages.*
[? About 10 Jan.]	2. Do. - -	Sir Wm. Gifford, Keeper of Greenwich Park.	Lords of the Treasury.	For 35*l*. for hay for the deer, &c. “ *Minuted*—“ 10 Jan. 1714. To be pd. as usual.” 1½ *pages.*
21 Jan.	3. Warrant (copy)	—	Lord Lieut. of Ireland.	For an allowance of 9*s*. 6*d*. a day to Lord Mark Ker. 1 *page.*
1 Feb.	4. Memorial -	Alexander Pendarves, Esq., late Surveyor-General.	Lords of the Treasury.	For payment of arrears of salary. Also a certificate. 2 *pages.*
11 Feb.	5. Representation	Comrs. of Excise of Scotland.	Do. - -	For the costs of passing their commission to be allowed (257*l*. 13*s*. 3*d*). *Minuted* :—“ 1 Sept. 1715. My Lds. do not think it reasonable.” 2¼ *pages.*
18 Feb.	6. Memorial (copy).	Comrs. for Sick and Wounded, &c.	Do. - -	For their taxes to be remitted. *Minuted* :—“ 9 Mar. 1714–15. Ordered so far as the acct. annexed extends to Lady-day 1713.” 2 *pages.*
22 Feb.	7. Report (copy)	Comrs. of Excise -	Do. - -	For additional clerks on account of the new duties on candles, &c. Also copy of the memorial of Sir Basil Dixwell thereon. 4 *pages.*

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[? About 24 Feb.]	8. Petition	William Vanbrugh, Controller of the Treasurer of the Chamber's Office.	Lords of the Treasury.	For a renewal of his constitution. *Minuted*:—"24 Febry. 1714. To be considered wn. the establ. of the Trea'r Chambr's Office comes to be formed." 1 *page*.
7 March	9. Letter	James Stanhope	Do.	Sends for their opinion the petition of Mary Wilson, widow, founded on her husband's services in the late war. 1 *page*.
18 March	10. Commission	Henry Robins	—	Appointing him surveyor of houses. *A piece of parchment*.
26 March	11. Report	Edward Wilcox	Lords of the Treasury,	On the petition of tradesmen employed in the Great and Little Parks of Windsor. The petition and schedule. 3 *pages*.
28 March	12. Letter	C. Godolphin	Mr. Secretary Lowndes.	For leave to go into the country. *Minuted*:—"Read 28th Mar. 1715. My Lords consent to Mr. Godolphin's request in the wthin written letter." 1 *page*.
29 March	13. Do.	Lord Berkeley	Lord ——	For a new Privy Seal for payment of the Keepers in the Forest of Dean. Also renewal of the patent to Mr. Smythe, as Paymaster of the Gentlemen Pensioners. 1 *page, quarto*.
29 March	14. Do.	Nich. Roope and Thomas Layton.	Mr. Lowndes	Pay of Marine regiments and an abstract. 3 *pages*.
After March	15. Memorial	Sir John Bennett, Knt.	Lords of the Treasury.	For 212*l*. 10*s*. advanced by his brother, Benjamin Bennett, Esq., Governor of Bermuda, for refitting a man-of-war. 1 *page*.
2 April	16. Representation	Comrs. of Stamps	Do.	Reasons for presenting Michael Bayly to be a distributor of stamps for Worcestershire. 1 *page*.
4 April	17. Letter	Earl of Carnarvon	Do.	Sends a state of the subsidies and pay of foreign troops (not now with it). 1 *page*.

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4 April	18. Letter - -	George Tilson -	Mr. Borrett - -	The same allowance to be continued to "Carnaby" in the new prison as in Newgate. 1 *page.*
9 April	19. Do. -	J. Burchett - -	Secretary of the Treasury.	As to the leave of absence of Mr. Carter, purser of the "Torbay." With another letter of Mr. Carter on the same subject. 2 *pages.*
20 April	20. Do. -	John, Bishop of London.	Lords of the Treasury.	For bounty of 20*l.* to Mr. John Brunskell, appointed a minister in Virginia. 1 *page, quarto.*
[? About 29 April]	21. Memorial -	Robert Knight, Receiver of the 3rd, 4th, and 5th subscriptions to the South Sea Company.	Do. - -	For the delivery up of his bonds. 1 *page, quarto.*
[After 5 May]	22. Petition -	Capt. Thomas Hyde	Do - -	For three years' arrears of pension. Also warrant dated 5 May 1715. 2 *pages.*
10 May	23. Letter - -	James Stanhope -	Do. - -	Encloses petition of Deane Cooke, late of London, merchant, for them to report thereon (Customs on tobacco). 1 *page.* [The enclosure not now with it.]
12 May	24. Do. -	Do. - -	Do. - -	Encloses petition [of Mrs.Penn, et al.] for their report. The petition is referred to on p. 41 of this Calendar. 1 *page, quarto.*
21 May	25. Do. -	Duke of Somerset -	Do. - -	For 6,000*l.* for the extraordinary expenses of H.M. stables. *Minuted* : — "Ordered," &c. 1 *page.*
23 May	26. Do. -	J. Burchett - -	Do. - -	Sums requisite to pay the bills in the course of the navy and victualling. 1 *page.*
24 May	27. Do. -	James Stanhope -	Do. - -	For the issue of a warrant for 200*l.* to Don Manuel Mercader for the joint use of the deputies from Minorca. 1 *page, quarto.*
31 May	28. Do. -	John Lansdell -	Do. - -	For warrant to transfer certain South Sea Stock. 1 *page.*

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6 June	29. Letter	Wm. Clayton	William Lowndes	For his 100*l.* due at Midsummer 1715. *Minuted:* "To be paid." 1 *page, quarto.*
13 June	30. Warrant	Lds. of the Treasury	Comrs. of Customs	For their deputation to be issued to Alexander Johns to be waiter and searcher at "Lestithiel," in the port of Fowy. $\frac{1}{2}$ *page.*
14 June	31. Letter	Joseph Gascoigne, receiver of revenues in Minorca.	"My Lord"	As to 4,565$\frac{7}{8}$ dollars in his hands. 1 *page.*
18 June	32. Memorandum	—	—	As to a debt to Mrs. Jane Ireland, sempstress and starcher to King William, for making linen for his Majesty [Great Wardrobe]. $\frac{1}{2}$ *page.*
20 June	33. Letter	Lord Townshend	Lords of the Treasury.	Dr. John Keill, "Decypherer," to be paid 100*l.* per ann. *Minuted:*—"Wt. signd." 1 *page.*
28 June	34. Representation	Comrs. for Stamps	Do.	For an established clerk to assist Mr. Samuel Rose, Controller. 1 *page.*
[After June.]	35. Report	Officers of works	—	State of the debt of the office. *Minuted:* —"28th Dec. 1715. Warrt. to be prepared accordingly." 1 *page.*
7 July	36. Letter	Charles Shales	Wm. Lowndes, Esq.	Adverse to a duty being laid on plate. 1 *page.*
9 July	37. Schedule	—	—	Bills owing by the Great Wardrobe. *With this note at the head:*—"20,000li will pay." 1 *page.*
11 July	38. Memorial	Comrs. for the Lottery	Lords of the Treasury.	For money to carry on the services. *Minuted:* — "15 July 1715. Ordered." 1 *page.*
[About 11 July.]	39. Petition	James Scott, Esq., on behalf of David Skinner, merchant of Montrose.	Do.	Asks to be allowed to compound for a seizure of brandy. 1 *page.*
[About 12 July.]	40. Petition	Robert Jenkinson, a stamper in the Stamp Office.	Do.	To be allowed to resign his place to his son. *Minuted:* —"12th July 1715. Ordered, & a wt. sign'd." 1 *page.*

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13 July	41. Warrant	Lords of the Treasury	Moses Beranger, Esq.	To pay 14,000*l.* to the Recr. and Paymaster of the money arising by the sale of tin. 1 *page.*
26 July	42. Report	Comrs. of Hides, &c.	Lords of the Treasury.	On the securities of Lawrence Ambrose, of Barcott (Berks), Esq., as Collector of Land Tax. 1 *page.*
[? About 28 July.]	43. Petition	Robert Hemming, (Custom House, Weymouth).	Do.	For employment. *Also* certificate. 1 *page.*
28 July	44. Warrant	Lords of the Treasury	Clerk of the Pipe	For the appoinment of Thomas Reeve, of the Middle Temple, London, Steward of the Manors of Cookham and Bray (Berks). 1 *page.*
17 Aug.	45. Petition	Ambrose Thomson, Collector of Customs, Penryn.	Lords of the Treasury.	For an addition to his salary. 1 *double page.*
22 Aug.	46. Letter	James Stanhope	Lords of the Treasury.	For the issue of 200*l.* to Mr. Thomas Norgate for the use of Lord Paston. *Minuted* : — "Warrt. sign'd." 1 *page.*
24 Aug.	47. Do.	Do.	Do.	For issue of 65*l.* to Mr. Dumaresque, Lieut.-Governor of Jersey. 1 *page.*
7 Sept.	48. Do.	Do.	Do.	To prepare a warrant appointing Thomas Wylde, Esq., a Commissioner of Revenue in Ireland. *Minuted* : — "Warrt. sign'd." 1 *page.*
7 Sept.	49. Do.	Duke of Grafton	Sir William St. Quintin, one of the Comrs. of the Treasury.	In favour of the appointment of Mr. Charles English as a landwaiter of Bristol. Presentment also in his favour by the Comrs. of Customs. 2 *pages.*
17 Sept	50. Presentment	Comrs. of Stamp Duties.	Lords of the Treasury.	For the appointment of Mr. Thomas Winter as a Distributer of Stamps for Kent. *Minuted* :—"23rd Septr. 1715. Warrt. to be ꝓpar'd accordingly." Copy of the warrant. 2 *pages.*

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20 Sept.	51. Letter	Lords Justices of Ireland.	Mr. Secretary Stanhope.	Enclosing memorials relating to several gentlemen who expect some mark of the King's favour. The enclosures are not now with the letter. 1 *page, quarto.*
[? About 21 Sept.]	52. Petition	Jacob Birkhead	Lords of the Treasury.	Asks to succeed to a land-waiter's place in London, making allowance to his predecessor. *Minuted :* — "Ordered 21st Sepr. 1715. Wt. sign'd." 1 *page.*
[? About 22 Sept.]	53. Memorial	The Rt. Hon. George Lord Newborough.	Do.	For renewal of his patent as steward of the manor of Richmond, Surrey. 1 *page.*
26 Sept.	54. Letter	James Stanhope	Do.	For 100*l.* to be paid to Mr. Crauford, the Earl of Stair's Secretary, detained in London. *Minuted :*—"A warrt. to be p̃pared." 1 *page, quarto.*
4 Oct.	55. Do.	Do.	Do.	For 100*l.* to be paid to Lord Strangford. *Minuted :*—"Wt. signd." 1 *page, quarto.*
5 Oct.	56. Do.	Do.	Do.	For renewal of the Commission on Public accounts, Ireland. *Minuted :*—"15th October 1715. Warrt. sign'd." 1 *page, quarto.*
8 Oct.	57. Do.	Do.	Do.	For 100*l.* to be paid to Dr. Lidderdale. *Minuted :*—"15th October 1715. Warrt. sign'd." 1 *page.*
8 Oct.	58. Do.	Ro. Pringle	Mr. Taylor	Desiring the above 100*l.* may be paid free of all charges. 1 *page.*
25 Oct.	59. Do.	Comrs. of Revenue, Ireland.	Lords of the Treasury.	Congratulating them on their appointment. 1 *page.*
18 Nov.	60. Memorial	Controllers of Army Accounts.	Do.	For a warrant to the paymaster to issue their allowance of 900*l.* per ann. for their office. *Minuted :* — "Prepare a wt. for their contingencys." 1 *page.*

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19 Nov.	61. Letter - -	Mr. Secretary Stanhope.	Lords of the Treasury.	For 1,000*l.* to be paid to Mr. Alexander Gordon for the use of the Earl of Sutherland. 1 *page, quarto.*
28 Nov.	62. Do. - - -	Wm. Pulteney -	Secretaries to the Treasury.	Sends a warrant for countersignature for 40*l.* a year to be paid to Anthony Vezian, as agent to the garrison of Placentia, and the Four Independent Companies there. 1 *page, quarto.*
12 Dec.	63. Certificate (copy).	Surveyors and Landwaiters.	Comrs. of Customs	John Cramphorne has fitted himself for the duties of Kingswaiter, Landwaiter, &c. 1 *page.*
[? About 15 Dec.]	64. Letter - -	John Hall - -	The Rt. Hon. Robert Walpole, Esq., First Ld. of the Treasury.	To be instructed for the office of Landwaiter or Surveyor of Customs. 1 *page.*
21 Dec.	65. Do. - -	Lord Townshend -	Lords of the Treasury.	John Parker to have 300*l.* for discovering James Paynter, Henry Darr, and Richard Whitford, concerned in treasonable practices. 2 *pages, quarto.*

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[? 1715 or 1716.] 1. Petition of Hugh Hughes, gent., to the Rt Hon. Robert Walpole, Esq., and the other Lords of the Treasury. When he had taken his degrees at Oxford, was called to the Secretary's office, where he remained until sent to Ratisbon. Was employed there several years. After his late Majesty's demise, petitioner being at Vienna, regulated the trade between England and "the hereditary countrys" till he was named "Commissary of the mediation of England and Holland," and acquitted himself so well that both the Emperor and the States of Holland offered to provide for him comfortably. Since his Majesty's accession, has received but 20*l.* yearly, upon which it is impossible for himself and family to subsist. Prays for a competency to subsist during the short remains of his life. Undated, but ? 1715 or 1716.

Copies of five documents in corroboration. 5 *pages.*

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[? 1715 or 1716.] 2. A list of petitions showing the names of the persons, the service rendered, and the amounts due from her late Majesty Queen Anne. Undated, but ? 1715 or 1716. 2 *pages.*

[? 1715 or 1716.] 3. Petition of Doctor Edward Coatsworth, Apothecary-General of the Army, to the Lords of the Treasury. Has served and supplied the army and hospitals in Flanders and Dunkirk with medicines and necessaries since the beginning of the campaign in 1712, and 15,283*l.* are due to him. Was so ill in the Earl of Oxford's graces as not to receive any part of his large debt. Prays a moiety of his debt, which may partly prevent his entire ruin. Knows that he need not urge the cruelty of making a gentleman risk his fortune for the name of serving the public. The utmost he can do is to stave off for 14 days the shame and disgrace of being publicly affronted in the streets by his creditors. Undated. ? 1715 or 1716. 1 *page.*

[Probably after 1715.] 4. Report of [? the Lords of the Treasury] to the King, on the petition of Sir Alexander Brand, whose case had been reported on by the Barons of the Exchequer in Scotland. He had been found by a decree of the Court of Exchequer of Scotland of 22 Aug. 1707 indebted to the Crown, 3,997*l.* 6*s.* 5*d.*, for the rent or tack duty upon a lease which he had obtained of the Crown rents and bishop's rents of Orkney. There were, however, certain set-offs, and the petitioner is recommended to his Majesty's bounty. Undated. 2 *pages.*

[? 1715 or 1716.] 5. Petition of Richard Woollaston, Esq., to the King. His grandfather obtained a lease of the lead mines of Wirksworth (Derby). Petitioner prayed the late Queen to grant a new lease of them. Mr Cooke, H.M. Vice-Chamberlain, and others demanded the same thing. The lease was granted to Mr Cooke, her Majesty promising to the petitioner an equivalent. Upon this encouragement, the petitioner asked for the reversion of the revenues of the Abbey of Furness, of which the "Demoiselle" Preston was then in possession. Petitioner obtained a lease thereof under the seal of the Duchy of Lancaster for 29½ years. The lease was not worth a third of that of the lead mines. The demoiselle Preston produced a lease under the great seal for 15 years, commencing the same time as that of the petitioner. She established her claim and obtained a decree of the Court of Exchequer. The petitioner hoped at the expiration of this lease that he would be admitted without contest for the rest of his term of 29 years, with a new lease of 15 years more; but finds that the demoiselle Preston, on payment of 1,000*l.*, has obtained an order from the King for a lease of 31 years, by which his term is entirely absorbed. Prays the order may be revoked and for a grant of a new lease to the petitioner, so that he may enjoy the term of 14½ years which remains to run with the addition of 6½ years.

Accompanied by another memorial in which he sets forth his services, amongst which he says that he lent the Prince of Orange, 10,000*l.* He served in Parliament for 14 years, &c. (*Both French.*) 2 *pages.*

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[? About 1715 or 1716.] 6. Memorial of the officers "en second commissioned to the R^{t} Hon. the Lord Montjoys late regiment of foot, the 5th March 1707–8," to the Lords of H.M. Treasury. Praying the grant of a power to inspect the accounts and certificates of that regiment, and that the Controllers of the army accounts may be directed to examine their complaints in order that what was due should be restored to them. Undated. 1 *page.*

[? About 1715 or 1716.] 7. The Duke of Montagu to [? M^{r} Lowndes] in respect to the method of drawing a warrant to make good the charge of the 24 additional gentlemen pensioners out of the saving he proposed in the Wardrobe. Begs that it may be drawn in the way he has prepared it, and not as drawn at the Treasury. Undated. 5 *pages, quarto.*

[? 1716.] 8. Petition of Col. Richard Morris to the Lords of the Treasury, praying for consideration and relief, he having paid interest since April 1711 on 488*l.*, which sum he laid out on clothes and accoutrements of his regiment of dragoons in Ireland. Undated, but after 1715 from mention of the late Duke of Ormonde.

Copies of two reports and two certificates thereon. 5 *pages.*

1716. 9. An estimate of the charge of the Office of Ordnance for the year 1716. 1 *page.*

1716. 10. Copy of the same with an additional item.

Also an explanation of one of the articles. 2 *pages.*

1716. 11. Estimates of (1) the charge of the guards, garrisons, and other his Majesty's land forces in Great Britain; (2) of his Majesty's forces in the plantations, Minorca and Gibraltar; (3) of the charge of the 6,000 men sent to the assistance of his Majesty by the States General of the United Provinces, with an estimate for the same; and (4) of the charge of several extraordinary expenses relating to his Majesty's land forces for the year 1716.

Some being in duplicate for "M^{r} Lowndes." 8 *pages.*

1716. 12. List of the general officers upon the establishment of guards and garrisons for the year 1716. 1 *page.*

2 Jan. 13. Caleb Heathcote to the Lords of the Treasury. Has received his deputation as Surveyor-General of the Northern District, but the badness of the weather and the winter having set in with great severity, has prevented his passing through his district. Some time ago it was reported that Parliament was about to pass an Act to break all the "Charter Governments" on this continent, and put them into the hands of the Crown. Would be glad to have that news confirmed, as nothing is a greater prejudice to his Majesty's interest than their continuance. Until they are taken away it will always be very difficult to regulate things well in respect of trade. If that were done, and the Government reduced and more conveniently divided, and a revenue settled by a custom and excise on the whole continent, upon an English footing, believes it would produce sufficient to defray all needful expenses of the several governments, and

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for the ships of war guarding the ports. Nothing can be more reasonable than that all the plantations and dominions abroad should, as far as they are able, be made to bear the expense they occasion, and not remain a dead weight on the nation that severely groans under the debts of which they have been, in a great measure, the cause, two millions having been expended in both wars upon ships of war stationed on this continent only. If this should be approved of, and the Assemblies of the several provinces should refuse such a reasonable revenue as his Majesty shall think fit to require of them, supposes that the Parliament may with great reason and justice do it for them, it being very hard that the kingdom of Great Britain should be clogged and burthened with an expense the plantations ought and are able enough to bear, and that his Majesty's subjects on this side the water should lay claim to a larger share of privileges than those at home, and expect to be free from paying proper duty and acknowledgement to the Crown for the support of government, and for their own defence and safety; and especially when it can with so much ease be done as by a revenue on trade, "a burthen the people of Great Britain have always with great chearfullnesse layd on themselves, and is what they never expect to be exempt from." New York, 2 Jan. 1715–16. 3 *pages.*

Beginning of 1716. 14. New Year's gifts (1) for the Lords of the Treasury; (2) for the Secretaries of the Treasury; (3) the clerks of the Treasury. Lists showing the names of the various offices and the amounts, some are to a great extent duplicates. 1715–16. 7 *pages, and three parts.*

[? About 5 Jan.] 15. "The case of the Earl of Manchester, as it lies before the Lords of the Treasury by his Majesty's order." When ambassador at Venice, in 1707, the place of captain of the yeomen of the guard being vacant, the Queen's intention was to restore him to it, but Lord Townsend, then in Holland, writing for it, and the Lord Godolphin proposing to the Earl a pension of 1,500*l.* per ann. out of the Secret Service in lieu thereof, until her Majesty could do better for him, he accepted it, and received 2,000*l.* in part; but in 1711, 4,000*l.* more being due to him, Lord Oxford had the Queen's orders for the payment of it, and this would have been done "had not the debate of Spain come into the House of Lords." As the Earl did not comply with the then measures, the pension was not paid, nor what was due to him from that time to the Queen's death. The Earl desires payment.

Minuted:—"5th January 1715. See in the Secret Service book at what time my L^{d} Manchester was paid 2,000*l.* ꝑ ann. by the hands of M^{r} Taylour." $1\frac{1}{4}$ *pages.*

11 Jan. 16. M[atthew] Prior to the R^{t} Hon. the Earl of Halifax. Has just received his letters of revocation, and as soon as he has read them, sits down to write a dunning letter to the Earl to make his Majesty's commands practicable. Begs that M^{r} Powys may state his account, and that M^{r} Shelton may wait on the Earl for his order. 1,200*l.* must be paid. Stands bound for it to Cantillon, and

if he escaped must be arrested for it on his arrival at London. Begs him to consider the extraordinaries, for if they are not at present put into a method and acknowledged, plainly foresees his ruin involved in the irregularity in which they lie. Paris, Jan. 22–11, 1715.

Letter from him to Mr Powys on the same subject, and the account stated. 4½ *pages.*

12 Jan. 17. Mr Burchett (Admiralty) to Mr Lowndes. As to the uselessness of the office of Surveyor-General of his Majesty's Woods in America, &c. filled by John Bridger, Esq. A Committee of the House of Commons and the Lords of the Admiralty had recommended the abolition of the office, and their Lordships now desire the same to be communicated to the Lords of the Treasury, and if they think proper to discontinue the expense, the Lords of the Admiralty think it for the King's service to recommend to the Governor of New England to cause his Majesty's woods in that country to be with all possible care preserved, especially those large trees which are fitting for masts for capital ships. Admiralty Office, 12 Jan. 1715–16. 2¼ *pages.*

Minuted :—"Read 13 Jan. 1715–16."

13 Jan. 18. An estimate (by a medium of three years) of how much the revenues settled for payment of the yearly fund of 600,000li and 8,000li to the Governor and Company trading to the South Seas may produce annually from the 25th of December 1715, and how much the same is like to fall short thereof. Signed, Halifax. Exchequer, 13 Jan 1715.

Also a certificate signed by the same as to a sum paid into the Exchequer by the cashier of the above Company. 2 Jan. 1715. 2 *pages.*

16 Jan. 19. "An estimate of the money which will be wanting to make good to services of the Navy, so much as in the year 1716 is to be paid by the Treasurer of the Navy for the complement of the funds of the South Sea Company." 16 Jan. 1715–16.

"Signed, Wm Lowndes." 1 *page.*

17 Jan. 20. James Stanhope to Mr Walpole. Earnestly recommends the despatch of the payment of 500*l.* towards the debts, &c. of the late Morocco Ambassador. Whitehall, 17 Jan. 1715–16. 1 *page, quarto.*

18 Jan. 21. Lord Guernsey to the Lords [of the Treasury.] Has demanded from Lord Bingley the plate delivered out of the Jewel Office to his Lordship upon his being appointed Ambassador to the King of Spain. His Lordship desires to be allowed such time as forms will permit to represent the hardships of his case in his demands on the Treasury. 18 Jan 1715–16.

Minuted :—"To be read when Mr Walpole is here, and to enquire what Ld Bingley had for his equipage and entertainment." 1 *page.*

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24 Jan. 22. The Duke of Marlborough to Mr Lowndes. Draws attention to a letter he has received from one of his keepers as to the condition of the palings of Windsor Park. Fears they shall lose many of the deer. Hopes he will take the first opportunity of speaking to the Lords of the Treasury of this matter, and as he (Mr Lowndes) must know so much of the abuses of the surveyors, that he will help him to prevent such people having anything to do with it. Jan. 24, 1715. (*Holograph.*)

The letter referred to.

Letter of the Duchess of Marlborough on the same subject. Mr Hewet has viewed the park, and estimates the repairs at 2,280*l.* 9*s.* 8½*d.* Has seen the money so ill applied that if she is supplied with money and entrusted with the direction of these repairs she is willing to take the trouble of it. With autograph.

Another paper, which is apparently of the nature of a postscript to the last. The writer says, "Tho' I have hitherto been so carefull to preserve the wood in the said park as not to allow hardly enough to be cut for my own firing for the little time I am there, yet I conceive that all the rotten, decayed, and dead trees by my grant are as much my right as the herbage within the park beyond what is sufficient for the deer."

On the back is this Minute:—"Search all the precedts. Duchs Marlbo."

Also a brief description of various warrants as to the repairs of these palings.

Minuted:—"See what money has been directed to the rangers of this park for the repairs therein from the Revolution till 1709. Send this to Mr Hewett." 9 *pages.*

26 Jan. 23. Report of E. Harley and T. Foley, Auditors of Imprests, on the memorial of the Earl of Carnarvon, and lists annexed of his payments to the several regiments therein named upon account of their subsistence, pay, and clothing. 26 Jan. 1715.

The last Minute on it is:—"7th Febry 1715–16. Read. Prepare a sign manual accordingly."

The papers referred to. 12½ *pages.*

30 Jan. 24. James Stanhope to the Lords of the Treasury. Sends letter received from Col. Congreve, Lieut.-Governor of Gibraltar, as to their want of provisions by the neglect of the contractor. For their Lordships' directions.

Minuted:—"2 February 1715–16. Read."

The letter refered to. 2 *pages.*

31 Jan. 25. Report of Tho. Hewett to the Lords of the Treasury, on a memorial of the Lord Wm Powlet, forester or master keeper of Rynefield Lodge, in the New Forest, in Hampshire, as to the cost of the repair of the lodge and stable. 31 Jan. 1715.

Minuted:—"10th April 1716. My Lords agree to the report, but order the old stable not to be enlarged."

The memorial and a plan. 3 *pages.*

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31 Jan. 26. "Mr Topham's case," A paper thus headed, stating that the office of Register of the forfeited estates in Ireland is an office of national concern, having the care of all the late trustees' books, papers, and surveys of all estates by them sold. The books and papers must be preserved, and the office as established. The Commons of Ireland have made an address to that effect, and for Mr Topham, the present officer, to be provided for on the Establishment of Ireland, the fees from searches not making a competent provision for "the very clerks of the office." January 31, 1715-16.

Also letter from James Stanhope to the Lords of the Treasury for Mr Topham to be put on the Irish Establishment with a salary of 300*l.* per ann.

Minuted:—"28 February 1715-16. Order'd." 2 *pages*.

31 Jan. 27. Report of Thomas Hewett to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of Lord Godolphin, relating to the repairs of the fences in the Little Park at Windsor. Is informed that the keepers are two years and three-quarters in arrear, &c. There are two or three spring woods near Chertsey, in Surrey, which would raise about 500*l.* Mr Sayers claims a right to them. The repairs would come to 50*l.* 1*s.* 7*d.*, besides wood. 31 Jan. 1715.

Minuted:—"Approved. Wt signed."

The memorial referred to, which gives the following particulars of the state of the Park:—"1. The pallisades wch are in ye Park Wall and grateings are so broke down, that people get in and both steal and disturb the deer, and ye hares are in a manner all destroyed. 2. There are wanting two deer pens and 16 deer racks and a deer house, that the deer may stand dry in bad weather; ye want of one hath been ye death of a great many every year. 3. Six vermin trapps are as much wanted, to preserve the hares that are left. 4. The pales round the plantations are very much broke down, that the colts come in, and bark and spoile ye young trees, they have greatly damaged and destroyed sevll trees in ye walks, by reason ye boxes that were about them are gone so much to decay. 5. The locks upon ye gates should be altered, for they have been on so long, and so many people of ye town have got keys, that ye Park is almost become common." 2 *pages*.

Jan. 28. "Memorial concerning the Principality of Wales." Showing the value of the same, the outgoings, &c. For many years past the "neat" produce of all the land revenues in general in Wales, when actually returned into the Exchequer, has scarce been worth anything to the Crown. January 1715-16. 3 *pages*.

1 Feb. 29. Report of the Attorney and Solicitor-General (Northey and Aland) on the letter of Viscount Townshend, stating that he has received information that the stewards and other officers of the Lords and gentlemen who were taken at Preston are raising what money they can from their estates, by collecting all arrears of rents and fines, and cutting down wood, &c. Certify in regard to these wastes, spoils, &c., that by law the Crown is not entitled to the real estate or the profits thereof, of any person guilty of high treason,

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till such person shall be legally attainted thereof by judgment or outlawry. As to the mesne profits thereof, the Crown will be entitled only from the time of the judgment given, and therefore the offenders may, until attainder, receive the profits of their real estates; but upon conviction by verdict or confession, such offenders forfeit all their goods and chattels, which will extend to the arrears of rent grown due. As to the goods and chattels of persons guilty of high treason not convicted of the same by confession or otherwise, they may dispose of the same for the maintenance of themselves and families until conviction, and before conviction no seizure can be made. But voluntary and unnecessary gifts and dispositions of their personal estate, after treason committed, will be fraudulent against the Crown, and will not prevent the forfeiture thereof, when they shall be convicted. As to the felling of timber, if it be not out of necessity for the support of the offenders and their families, are of opinion the same ought not to be allowed, tho' before conviction. And where there is a conviction, the trees, when severed, will become personal estate, and be forfeited by the conviction, and therefore the removal of such as are felled may be stopped, and directions given not to fell more. 1 Feb. 1715.

The letter referred to.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. 20, p. 228 is:—" Send a copie of the Report of the Attorney and Solicitor-General," &c. "to Mr Cracherode, who is to govern himself thereby accordingly." 3½ *pages.*

3 Feb. 30. The Board of Trade to the Lords of the Treasury. Mr Bridger has informed them that the Lords of the Admiralty have transmitted to their Lps some reasons against the continuance of his office of Surveyor of the Woods of the Northern Continent of America. Having considered the same they see no reason to alter their opinion of the 3rd of August last to Mr Secretary Stanhope. The Lords of the Admiralty are of opinion with them, that the woods in those parts ought to be preserved with all possible care. Several New England planters and merchants affirm that the New England masts of 24 inches diameter and upwards are as good and durable as those from Riga and Gottenburgh. The necessity of a surveyor, commissioned to preserve the woods, will more plainly appear by the copy of a letter of Sir Matthew Dudley and Mr Usher, late Lieut.-Governor of New Hampshire. In justice to Mr Bridger, observe that he made several seizures of masts, which were discharged by the partiality of the courts there, and they do not find the complaints against him supported. Whitehall, 3 Feb. 1715–16.

Minuted:—" 25th July. 1716. All these papers relating to this affair to be brought in to-morrow."

The copies of the two letters referred to; the first inclosed the copy of the one transmitted by Mr Usher, late Lt-Govr of New Hampshire (not now with it), the second proposes that all the woods and waste lands in and about New Hampshire, should, as soon as possible, be got by purchase or otherwise into the hands of the Crown. Further asks, If a 100 years should be thought sufficient for the growth of proper timbers, would not those countries, if divided into 100 districts, each sufficient for annual consumption, supply us by rotation for ever? 11 *pages.*

3 Feb. 31. "Order for payment of the bounty of corn in Scotland, 3 Feb. 1715." A paper so docqueted, containing directions to the auditors by the Barons of the Exchequer, for making up the accounts of Charles Grayden, Cashier of Customs. A copy. 3 Feb. 1715. 1¼ *pages.*

4 Feb. 32. Representation of the Comrs for building 50 new churches, to the Lords of the Treasury. There remains about 3,000*l.* in the hands of Henry Smith, Esq., late Treasurer to the Comrs, imprested to him for those churches. Several warrants were sent to him to pay 2,200*l.*, but he neglected to pay the same, and they conclude that the money is in danger, especially since his security, Robert Cotton, Esq., is in custody, being one of the persons taken at Preston. 4 Feb. 1715.

Minuted:—"10th February 1715–16. Write a l̃re to Mr Smith to pay his ballance into the Exchequer."

[Also entered in the *Minute Book*, Vol. 20, p. 231.]

Again:—"Lr̃e writ & signed 11th." 2 *pages.*

6 Feb. 33. Post Office, London. An accompt of receipts and payments by Arthur Onslow, Receiver-General there, from the 30th of January 1715 to the 6th of February. 1 *double page.*

7 Feb. 34. Report of Edward Young to the Lords of the Treasury. Has considered the memorial of Mr Edwards, which states that the keepers in the little park at Windsor, have almost five years' wages due. The keepers' wages of H.M. forests and parks being so slowly paid is of great disservice to the Crown. They cannot subsist so long without money. It is to be feared that it generally falls heavily on H.M. woods and venison. Proposes that he shall receive money out of the Exchequer for payment of their salaries. Feb. 7, 1716.

The memorial. 2 *pages.*

8 Feb. 35. Memorial of Philip Horneck, Solicitor to the Treasury, to the Lords of the Treasury. The negotiating and soliciting the regular issuing out of commissions by the clerk of the Petty Bag Office, for seizing and securing the real and personal estates of persons attainted or outlawed for high treason was performed by the preceding Solicitors to the Treasury. Prays that the negotiating and soliciting the commissions for the estates of the Earl of Derwentwater, Lord Widrington, and others may be executed by him. 8 Feb. 1715–16.

Minuted:—"27th February 1415–16. Read. My Lords will consider abt. this." 1 *page.*

9 Feb. 36. Report of Charles Dering, Auditor-General [Ireland], to the Lords Justices of Ireland, on the petition of the Lady Catherine Jones, one of the daughters of Richard, late Earl of Ranelagh, deceased, praying for a pension of 100*l.* per ann. King Charles II. granted to

the late Earl and his heirs, the manor and castle of Athlone, &c., at a Crown rent of 100*l.* King William and Queen Mary, in consideration of the ruin of the property in the late wars, freed the Earl from payment of the rent for 21 years from Lady-day 1692. The Crown rent is 2½ years in arrear. Suggests that their excellencies should recommend her case to His Majesty. Dated 9 Feb. 1715.

The petition, "the case," and copy of another petition. 6 *pages.*

13 Feb. 37. Lord Townshend to the Lords of the Treasury. The King having given 500*l.* to Major James Stewart, who came express from the Duke of Argyle, with the news that the rebels had abandoned the town of Perth, desires the necessary orders to be given for payment of the same. Whitehall, 13 Feb. 1715–16. 1 *page.*

13 Feb. 38. Francis Palmer to William Lowndes, Esq. M^r^ Lowndes' approval of the proposals for laying on a duty on bleached hair has emboldened the writer to acquaint him that the bleachers are beginning to prepare their grounds for bleaching their hair this ensuing year. His discoveries of frauds in the Customs should have been laid before the Lords of the Treasury much sooner, but indisposition has prevented it. Painter's Coffee House, in Bucklersbury, 13 Feb. 1715–16. 1 *page.*

[About 13 Feb.] 39. Petition of Thomas Whitaker to the Lords of the Treasury. On the Restoration, Charles Whitaker, Esq., petitioner's grandfather had a grant of the office of Foreign Apposer in the Court of Exchequer, as a compensation for an estate well nigh ruined during the Rebellion. He was succeeded in the office by Charles Whitaker, serjeant-at-law, father to the petitioner, who surrendered it to his brother Charles in 1702. In 1711, by the death of Charles Whitaker, the office fell to the Crown, but was in a short time granted to —— Masham, Esq., brother to Lord Masham. Prays to be considered, as but for his father's untimely tho' indulgent surrender, the office would in all probability have been enjoyed by petitioner.

Minuted:—"13th February 1715–16. See how the office is granted to M^{r} Masham. The place is granted by constit., bearing date the 15th June 1713, signed by the Earl of Oxford, for life, in which manner it hath been always granted." 1 *page.*

15 Feb. 40. Report of Thomas Hewett to the Lords of the Treasury, on a memorial of Admiral Aylmer, about the great waste made in Greenwich Park by felling trees, the neglect of fencing, &c. Finds that great destruction has taken place; one grove of chestnuts has been cut down and entirely destroyed, &c. Needs not represent the beauty and situation of Greenwich Park (great numbers of persons, both foreign and domestic, walk there), nor that the walks, &c. were designed by the great Mon^{r} Le Notre, &c. Estimates the cost of what should be done at 684*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.* Feb. 15, 1715.

Also the memorial.

Minuted:—"10th April 1716. M^{r} Hewett to find timber out of Windsor Forrest for these repairs of the fences. W^{t} signed." 2 *pages.*

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15 Feb. 41. An estimate of the yearly amount of His Majesty's revenues arising in the Island of Minorca from the three last years. February 15, 1715.

Also yearly charges and salaries on the royal revenues in the Island of Minorca, according to the ancient settlement by the Kings of Spain. 3 *pages.*

16 Feb. 42. Lord Townshend to the Lords of the Treasury. Has laid the enclosed petition of the Lady Catherine Waller, widow of Sir W^m^ Waller, before the King, who was moved with the circumstances of the case, and desired directions to be given to restore her pension. Whitehall, 16 Feb. 1715–16.

Minuted :—"28 February 1715–16. Order'd."

The petitioner states that in the reign of K. Charles I. Sir Edward Stradling, the father, and Sir Edward Stradling, the son, her grandfather, and father, at their private cost and by their interest raised several regiments to assist the King, and both of them lost their lives in his service. Sir William Waller, petitioner's husband, was Governor of Bremen and Lunenburg, &c. Her late Majesty granted her a pension of 200*l.* per ann., of which she had received some payments only, and now prays for the restoration of the pension. 3 *pages.*

18 Feb. 43. Report of H. Cholmeley, Surveyor-General, to the Lords of the Treasury, as to what persons are in possession of the shops in Westminster Hall, and by what title they hold the same. States that Queen Anne, by patent of 2 July, in the 12th of her reign, granted to John Huggins, Esq., the office of Warden of the Fleet, also the office of Keeper of the Palaces at Westminster, and the the letting of the shops in Westminster Hall. These offices were also granted to John Huggins, his son, in reversion. The leases of the shops are granted by the Wardens of the Fleet, and the rents are payable to them and not to the use of his Majesty, and the shops are worth 240*l.* per ann. Thirteen messuages are also granted and no rent reserved to the Crown, which he takes to be contrary to the limitations in the Civil List Act. Is of opinion that the legality of the patent should be questioned. 18 Feb. 1715. 2 *pages.*

20 Feb. 44. Order in Council referring to the Lords of the Treasury, for their inquiry and report, a proposal of William Cotton, Esq., lord of the manor of Bedhampton, and proprietor of the river there, from whence he proposes to supply Portsmouth with fresh water. 20 Feb. 1715.

Minuted :—" 5th March 1715–16. Send this to the Adm^lty^, who are to consult with the Com^rs^ of the Navy how far they think it for the service of the Navy."

His scheme was for pipes to be laid from the river at the public expense for the service of the garrison, dock, and shipping, and also for the service of the town. As a compensation he proposed to be constituted conservator or manager, with a reasonable allowance for keeping the pipes and engine in repair, and that after the public was served he might be at liberty to supply the inhabitants with water for their private use. 2½ *pages.*

[? About 20 Feb.] 45. Petition of Joseph Ashe, Esq., to the King, for a lease in reversion of the lodge or house called the Great Lodge, in the Forest of Braydon, Wilts, and divers parcels of land within or near the forest, formerly belonging to Katherine, the Queen Dowager.

Referred to the Lords of the Treasury to consider and report on. 20 Feb. 1715–16.

Minuted :—"28th February 1715–16. My Lords cannot come into a thing so injurious to the tennants' right." 1 *page.*

21 Feb. 46. James Stanhope to the Lords of the Treasury. It is his Majesty's pleasure that they cause 110*l.* to be paid to Don Emanuel Mercador, "Deputy" from the Island of Minorca. Whitehall, 21 Feb. 1715–16.

Minuted :—"Prepare a warrant." 1 *page.*

21 Feb. 47. Representation of the state of the office of the Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer in the Court of Exchequer, exhibited by Henry Thomson and Thomas Madox, two of the sworn clerks of the office, for his Majesty's service, giving an account of the disorders that have crept into the office. It is a carefully prepared paper, divided into 31 articles, viz. :—

1. Important entries used to be written on parchment rolls, and these, when put together, were called Memoranda Rolls, and are called a Remembrance. A repertory in parchment ought to be made to them. No rolls have been made up for 50 or 60 years.

2. These memoranda consisted chiefly of the *Adventus Vicecomitum et aliorum computantium* &c., the *Commissiones et Literæ patentes*, the *Communia*, the *Fines*, *Reditus*, &c., the *Brevia directa Baronibus*, and lastly, the *Status et Visus Compotorum.* In these rolls of States and Views were entered the accounts of sheriffs, escheators, collectors of customs, collectors of *dismes* and *quinzimes*, and of subsidies *a clero* or *a laicis*, accounts of Keepers of the Wardrobes of the King or Prince, Keepers or Clerks of the Hanaper, Wardens and Masters of the Mint, and in brief all the great and less accounts which by the course of the Exchequer were to be entered in this office. In opposition to this ancient course, Mr John Tayleure (now eldest sworn clerk) has, since the reign of Charles II., used a new method, and entered the accounts in paper books only, and has left them out of the respective Remembrances, &c. Within the last forty or fifty years there have been more accounts that ought to have been entered on record in this office, and for greater sums than there were within 300 years before, and if the present senior sworn clerk die before these accounts are entered in the respective Remembrances, the burthen will be intolerable to his successor.

3. This new method, by Mr Tayleure's means, is carried into the Exchequer of Scotland.

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The remaining articles are largely taken up with complaints against Mr Tayleure, who is charged with using various artifices to get the business of the other sworn clerks into his hands, besides which, other information is given of the internal management of this department. The representation finishes by saying that the articles are not presented to their Lordships out of any ill-will to any man, but out of a just regard to the service of his Majesty and of the public, to preserve and support the common rights of the present and future sworn clerks, to reduce the office (if possible) to an orderly and flourishing state, and in truth to prevent its impending ruin. Dated 21 Feb. 1715–16.

Then follow two schedules corroborative of certain of the articles. 22 *pages*.

21 Feb. 48. Representation of the Comrs for Hides, &c. as to the difficulty the duties on houses lie under, and the remedies the Comrs propose to obtain through Parliament. The complaints are: that the Justices of the Peace, who are Comrs, excuse whom they think fit; the poundage allowed to the Comrs' clerks is so small; the latitude allowed for stopping up of lights; the largeness of the divisions appropriated to the surveyors and the smallness of the salaries; and the inconsiderable poundage allowed to the Receivers-General. 21 Feb. 1715.

Minuted:—"Read." 2½ *pages*.

21 Feb. 49. Another representation from them, asking for some clauses to be added to the Hide Act. 21 Feb. 1715. 3 *pages*.

22 Feb. 50. Memorial of the Officers of the Mint to the Lords of the Treasury, for the renewal of the warrant whereby the gravers at the Mint should engrave medals in order that they might improve their skill when not employed upon coins. Signed: Rich. Sandford. Is. Newton. Mint Office, 22 Feb. 1715.

Also copy of a previous warrant of 2 Nov. 1706. 2½ *pages*.

27 Feb. 51. Report of the Attorney-General (Northey) to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of George, Earl of Halifax, whereby he applies to his Majesty to enlarge his estate in the offices of keeper, paler, and mower of Bushey Park, and in the office of house keeper of the palace of Hampton Court, and of feodary thereof, and of lieutenant and keeper of the chase of Hampton Court, and of keeping the game in and about the honor of Hampton Court and Hownslow Heath, and in the office of keeper of Middle Park, *alias* the North Park, at Hampton Court, and of paler and mower thereof, and of keeper of the warren, called the Hare Warren, at Hampton Court. Is of opinion that on the surrender of the patent granted to the uncle of petitioner, Charles, Earl of Halifax, the King may grant the offices, with the salaries and fees granted in that patent, to the petitioners for three lives. 27 Feb. 1715–16.

Minuted:—"9th March 1715–16. An abstract to be made by Mr Corbiere, to be layd before the King."

"23d March 1715–6. Granted."

The petition referred to.

"Particular of the offices to which the aforegoing petition does relate, and the fees payable in respect thereof," and a translation of the report into French. 11 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

27 Feb. 52. Report of Thomas Hewett, Surveyor-General of Woods, to the Lords [of the Treasury], on the petition of Sir John St. Barbes, setting forth his right to be allowed wood out of the New Forest for repairs, house-bote, &c. Admits the petitioner's claim, and prays their Lordships' warrant. Sends also the clause in the lease touching the same. 27 Feb. 1715.

Minuted :—" 10th April 1716. Order'd."

The petition.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. 20, 10 April 1716, is :—" M^{r} Hewett call'd in, his memorialls and reports are read relating to repairs, &c. in the several parks and forests, and minutes are taken thereon."

"My Lords order that in all warrants for repairs of lodges, clauses be inserted to oblige the keepers to preserve them in repair, and that the surveyor take care that all subsequent keepers be obliged accordingly." 2 *pages.*

[? About 28 Feb.] 53. Petition of Sir Bibye Lake, Bart., to the Lords of the Treasury. The Lords of the Treasury had agreed to petitioner's proposal on 15 Dec. 1714, viz., that on his payment of 2,257*l.* 4*s.* 10¼*d.*, and making certain assignments amounting to 13,149*l.* 10*s.* 7½*d.* in full discharge of the debt of Robert Peters, late Receiver-General of Hertfordshire, all the estates of Peters should be granted to petitioner. Prays directions to be given therein.

On the back is :—" R^{d} 28th F."

Three other papers connected therewith. 5 *pages.*

28 Feb. 54. "The proposall and agreement of S^{r} Thomas Johnson, humbly presented to the Committee in Council for transporting the rebells taken at Preston."

Forty shillings per head were to be allowed for the transport, and the rebels were to serve Sir Thomas Johnson, or his assigns, in any of his Majesty's plantations for seven years. February 28, 1715. 1 *page.*

29 Feb. 55. Representation of the Com^{rs} for Works to the Lords of the Treasury. The city water that supplied Somerset House from the 2nd year of King Edw. VI. till 1706 is entirely taken away, and his Majesty put to the charge of paying for the New River water. Send copy of the original grant to the Duke of Somerset, and copy of the Attorney-General's opinion thereon. Ask that the water may be restored. 29 Feb. 1715.

The copy of the grant referred to. The supply of water consisted of "a certain small pipe of lead through w^{ch} pipe there runneth as much water as within one hour's space running may or will fill a vessell containing the measure of a puncheon and eighteen gallons of wine measure, accounting the puncheon at fourscore gallons, as the same pipe now lyeth currant and levell with the kitchen of the s^{d} great place, and issueth and runneth out of a great pipe of lead that lyeth in the ground in the High Street by the Stronde without the Temple Bar, in the said county of Middlesex, over against the said place or house of the said Duke, now called Somerset Place, and lately called Chester Place, which great pipe of lead cometh from a conduit head belonging to the said city, called Piddington head, in the said county, and runneth to the conduit in Fleet Street in London."

Also the copy of the Attorney-General's opinion thereon. 4 *pages.*

[? About 29 Feb.] 56. Memorial of John Flamstead, his Majesty's Astronomer at the Royal Observatory in Greenwich Park, to the Lords of the Treasury. The late Prince of Denmark, having been entirely satisfied with the great pains and continued labour of memorialist for 30 years in making observations for the improvement of astronomy, geography, and navigation, in the year 1704, ordered 1,200*l.* out of his own purse towards the printing and publishing the said observations, with a catalogue of the fixed stars and maps of the constellations, to gratify the public and to make amends to the memorialist. His present Majesty has signified his pleasure to the referees of his late Royal Highness and to M^{r} Churchill by the Duke of Bolton that 300 copies out of 340 copies remaining in M^{r} Churchill's hands be delivered to memorialist as a present from his Majesty. Prays an order for the immediate delivery of the 300 copies.

Minuted:—" 29th February 1715–16. My Lords order a letter to be writ to the referees to hasten their report. Lr̃e sent accordingly."

Also the copy of the Duke of Bolton's warrant. 2 *pages.*

2 March. 57. The Duke of Devonshire to the Lords of the Treasury. Has received a petition from Francis Milles, Esq., High Bailiff of the Dean and Chapter, and of the city, liberty, and manor of Westminster, claiming under patent the goods and chattels of the Earl of Marr, attainted of high treason, and praying leave to enter the Earl's dwelling house in Privy Gardens to seize and take away the same. Asks their L^{ps}' opinion, Devonshire House, March 2, 1715.

Minuted:—" 5th March 1715–16. The Attorney & Sol^{r}-Gen^{ll} to be here on Wednesday morning next." 1 *page.*

5 March. 58. James Stanhope to the Lord Chamberlain. His Majesty's pleasure is that he issue his warrant to the Master of the Great Wardrobe, or the Treasurer of the Chamber, to reimburse Captain Scott, who, when upon service in the Mediterranean, was commanded to attend the King of Sicily to Piedmont, viz., for the costs of furnishing the "Romney" man-of-war. Whitehall, 5 March, 1715–16.

Also representation of the Duke of Bolton on this subject, who says that when any sovereign prince has been transported beyond the seas in ships of war, those ships have been provided and furnished out of the Great Wardrobe, by warrant from the Chamberlain of the Household, at the expense of the Crown. The Queen of Portugal's was the last embarkation. 3 *pages.*

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5 March. 59. Duke of Bolton to the Lords of the Treasury. Asks them to give orders to the Surveyor-General of the Works to examine into the title of a little ale-house adjoining St James's House, between Osandrs coffee house and the wall of the House, which is very dangerous to the palace in case of fire, and to report his opinion whether there is a grant as is pretended, and what will be fit to be done to get possession of the house for the Crown. Cock Pitt, 5 March 1715–16. 1 *page.*

5 March. 60. Report of the Attorney and Solicitor-General to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Frances, Viscountess Bolingbroke, in relation to the real and personal estate of her husband, the late Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, forfeited by his attainder, and also on Viscount Townshend's letter, signifying his Majesty's pleasure to grant her the personal estate for her own use, and the real estate towards her maintenance during life; certifying that the agent has delivered an inventory of the goods and chattels forfeited, and that the King may grant them, by privy seal, without office or inquisition, but as to the real estate the forfeited lands must be ascertained by inquisition, for the taking of which a commission is now being prepared. 5 March 1715–16.

The inventory referred to. The goods were at Bucklebury (Berks), and Ashdown Park (Wilts).

Minuted:—"23d March 1715–16. The K. gives her all but arrears of salla. 18th April 1716. Warrt sign'd." 15 *pages.*

[? About 8 March.] 61. Report of the Attorney and Solicitor-General to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of the Comrs of Revenue in Ireland, relating to the forfeited estate of the late Duke of Ormond in that kingdom. Are of opinion that the taking of inquisitions as directed is the proper and legal method for ascertaining the real estate and lands forfeited, and putting the same in charge in the Court of Exchequer there. But the Comrs represent that that method will be chargeable, and that great difficulties will arise from the real and pretended incumbrances of the late Duke's creditors, as well as from the new deed, which is said to be for the assigning the whole estate to the Earl of Arran for securing him against the several debts for which the Earl stands bound. They do not think these difficulties very great, for when the lands are ascertained, the claims of the creditors must be determined by the Court of Exchequer on their pleas, and not otherwise. Do not approve of a proposal made by one Mr Henry, a banker, to prevent any hazards by the rents lying in the tenants' hands. Undated, but the memorial of the Comrs was referred on 8 March 1715–16.

Minuted:—"May 1716. To the Clk of ye Councill for a copy of the bill transmitted from Ireland relating to the late D. Ormond. 27th June 1716. Read again and aprov'd."

The memorial referred to. 2 *pages.*

[? About 9 March.] 62. Petition of Benjamin Bedford to the Lords of the Treasury, for payment of what was due to him for the house and furniture his Excellency Baron Schack, the Muscovite Envoy, still possesses.

Report and two other papers relating thereto.

Minuted:—"9th March 1715–16. Lett Mr Powys state how much due fro ye Q., how much from ye K."

Again:—"20th April 1716. Prepare a warrt for 336li 10s." 5 *pages*.

10 March. 63. Jo. Bentley to the Hon. Sr Wm Quintin, Bart., one of the Lords of the Treasury, asking him to stand his friend, having known him many years, as there is a report that some persons at the Treasury are endeavouring to get his place. Has never been reprimanded, but on the contrary, a handsome report was made on him, and a minute for his preferment. The Lord Godolphin gave him 150*l.* as a gratuity. Has made several discoveries in the Customs, which have brought in great sums to the revenue, and lately, at the approach of the rebels to Lancaster, he scowered off to the mountains and fells with above 400*l.* of the King's money, and tho' there were two parties out to look for him, and 100*l.* offered for his discovery, he escaped. Rode his own horses in a night express when there were neither horses nor men to be got. Custom House, Lancaster, March 10, 1715–16.

P.S.—We have taken several rebels escaping from Ireland, one of whom is hanged, and confessed that he killed seven soldiers and one captain, and wounded the Lord Forester. 2½ *pages*.

[? About 14 March.] 64. Memorial of Geoffry Walpole, Esq., Treasurer of Greenwich Hospital, to the Lords of the Treasury. 11,388*l.* 0*s.* 2*d.* remain due to the Hospital on abatements when ships were paid, and there is not sufficient in the hands of the executors of Sir Thomas Littleton (late Treasurer of the Navy) to pay the same. Prays their Lps to direct the payment thereof.

Minuted:—"To be brought in to-morr. Lr̃e signed 14 March 1715–16." 1½ *pages*.

15 March. 65. "Copy of a presentment concerning the Collectors of the Customs in the plantations receiving the duties on enumerated goods in pieces of eight." Dated 15 March 1715.

This is an enclosure marked P to some other paper. 4¼ *pages*.

15 March. 66. Report of Thomas Hewett to the Lords of the Treasury, on a letter of the Duke of Kent, touching the arrear of salaries due to the officers, &c. of Windsor Forest, repairs, &c. The sums arising out of the Navy timber would be sufficient, and the sums not yet accounted for by the late surveyor would pay the arrears. 15 March 1715.

The letter referred to.

Minuted:—"24th March 1715–16. The repair of Swindley rail is granted. Wt signed 8th June 1716. Read." 5 *pages*.

15 March. 67. Similar report on the memorial of Mr Negus, Ranger of Bigshot Rails and Sandhurst Walk, in Windsor Forest, as to the repair of the lodge and rails. Recommends the felling and selling trees for the same, Same date.

Minuted:—"Agreed. Wt signed."

The memorial. 1 *page*.

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17 March. 68. Report of M^{r} Baker and M^{r} Gosselin, agents for bringing in arrears of prizes, on the petition of M^{r} Nicholas Davy, who claims 100*l.* as due to him, besides his agency and attendance. The agents consider that his agency is included in his account. Prize Office, Covent Garden, 17 March 1715.

Also the petition. 3 *pages.*

19 March. 69. Report of the Controllers of Army Accounts (Meadows and Bruce) to the Lords of the Treasury, on M^{r} Missing's contract for victualling the garrison of Gibraltar, and on other papers, and on what was due to him as contractor. Privy Gardens, 19 March 1715–16.

Also two Bills of Exchange, a receipt, and list of provisions. 10 *pages or parts of pages.*

20 March. 70. Robert Cannon, Sub-Almoner, to [the Secretary of the Treasury]. Desires that the Lords of the Treasury will order 400*l.* to be issued to the Treasurer of the Chamber for the Maundy, which is to be on Thursday next. There may remain after the necessary expense about 50*l.*, which will be given as a "by-maundy" among such poor petitioners as cannot be admitted to be maundy men or women, their number being limited to 56 of each sort by the number of the years of his Majesty's age. [20] March 1715–16.

Minuted:—"20th March 1715–16. Order'd. Lr̃e signed 21st March 1715–16." 1 *page.*

[? About 20 March.] 71. Petition of the mayor, aldermen, minister, and inhabitants of the borough of Macclesfield and villages thereunto belonging, to the Lords of the Treasury. King James I., taking notice of the smallness of Church livings within the county palatine of Chester, and that they were great in circuit, and most of them impropriate, and but few incumbents of learning (whereby the people wanting instruction, lay open to the seduction of priests, "who crept much among them from foreign parts"), granted a pension of 50*l.* per ann. to be paid by the receivers of that county to the mayor of Macclesfield, to be by him issued to such learned minister as the Bishop of Chester and he (the mayor) should appoint to preach and instruct the people. King Charles I. and King William III. also made similar grants. Pray for a new privy seal for paying the pension and arrears. 25 signatures.

Minuted:—"20th March 1715–16. A privy seal to be passed for all that is due and to be due." 2 *pages.*

20 March. 72. Lord Townshend to the Lords of the Treasury, asking them to direct 1,000*l.* to be paid to Sir Thomas Johnson, who had contracted to transport to the plantations in the West Indies such of the prisoners taken at Preston as petitioned His Majesty to be so transported, in part payment of his contract. Whitehall, 20 March 1715–16. 1 *page.*

20 March. 73. Com^{rs} of Revenue, Ireland, to the Lords of the Treasury. Enclose the account of the produce of the revenue in Ireland for

1716. nine months ending 25 Dec. last. Custom House,. Dublin, 20th March 1715–16.

The account referred to.

Signed:—"W. Burgh, Comptr. & Acct-Genl." 4 *pages*.

23 March. 74. Report of H. Cholmley, Surveyor-General, to the Lords [of the Treasury], on the petition of John Child, Esq. Finds that the petitioner had the site of the Castle of Guildford, in the co. of Surrey, granted to him for 31 years. Traces the grants of the same. The site was granted to William Lerven and Philip Eden, Esq., 6 May, 9 Charles I., to them and their heirs for ever. Caused search to be made at the Rolls, where the grant is enrolled, and nothing appears but that it is in full force, although he does not find in surveys or books in his custody any account thereof, and is therefore of opinion that her Majesty granted what was not at that time in the Crown. Is further of opinion that the 90*l*. prayed for should be allowed to the petitioner, and that his lease should be surrendered. 23 March 1715.

The petition and three other documents. 6 *pages*.

[? About 23 March.] 75. Petition of "Cross Martin, an Armenian, now naturalised," to the Lords of the Treasury. About December 1715 one Sali Aga came to England as an envoy from Tripoli in Barbary, and petitioner served him as interpreter for four months without reward; afterwards it was agreed that he should have 40*s*. a week. Instead of paying him his wages Sali Aga threatened his life, and he cannot sue him at law as he (Aga) insists on his privilege. Prays that he may be ordered to pay the demand out of the 15*l*. a week, which petitioner is informed he receives out of the Treasury.

Minuted:—"23d March 1715–16. My Lords cannot intermeddle in a matter between these persons; but enquire where he is paid, & what." 1 *page*.

23 March. 76. A state of the debt due in the office of His Majesty's Great Wardrobe to Michaelmas, 1715.

Signed:—"Tho. Dummer, 23rd March 1715." 2½ *pages*.

26 March. 77. Ro. Pringle to Mr Lowndes. No orders were sent "from this office" for settling an allowance of 15*l*. on the Ambassador from Tripoli; but as ministers from Barbary used formerly to be provided with lodging by the Lord Chamberlain, and with diet by the Lord Steward, it is very probable they have made him this allowance of 15*l*. a week in lieu thereof. Whitehall, 26 March 1716.

Minuted:—"28th March 1715–16. To enquire wt character he has." 1 *page*.

28 March. 78. Petition of William Edgar, late Inspector-General of the ports in North Britain, now secretary and solicitor to the Commissioners of the Duty on Salt made in Scotland, to the Lords of the Treasury, for a reward for his pains and charges, in publishing his book, entitled, "*Vectigalium Systema*," &c. The book found its way to the Lord Treasurer, who sent for the petitioner, and ordered him to

print it. It was useful to none so much as the officers of the Customs, for whose service it was indeed principally intended, and has been bought by very few besides the officers, so that petitioner has lost about 200*l.* by it, besides his pains and trouble. Edinburgh, 28 March 1716.

Also certificate of the Com^rs^ of Customs in Scotland, in his favour.

Minuted :—" War^t^ signd the 5^th^ Feb^ry^ 1716–17." 3 *pages.*

30 March. 79. Caleb Heathcote to the Lords of the Treasury. Wrote to their L^ps^ on 28 Jan. (encloses the copy of the letter), and was in hopes long since to have proposed ways and means to save the Treasury from being drained of vast sums needlessly wasted. In a circular letter to several collectors in his district, directed them to give him information on several heads, but has not received their answers, by which their L^ps^ will see in what a strange and unaccountable manner things are at present managed and established on this continent. New York, 30 March 1716.

The letter referred to and a duplicate thereof. In this he says there are abundance of mistakes in the management of affairs here relating to the revenue which greatly wants regulating. Has often wondered why measures have not been taken to settle a revenue, not only on this coast, but in all other his Majesty's dominions abroad, which enjoy the benefits in all the acts of trade with his Majesty's subjects in Great Britain, and ought in common justice to pay to the Crown a duty on trade. It would be a great satisfaction for all the Governors, &c. to receive their bread from the hands of the King, without a slavish dependence on the uncertain humours of assemblies. 5 *pages.*

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[After 3 April.] 1. Petition of Sir Hans Sloane to the King, praying to be discharged from payment of 1,095*l.* due to his Majesty in consequence of the baronetcy conferred on him.

Signed. Undated. 1 *page.*

4 April. 2. Lord Townshend to the Lords of the Treasury. Transmits an account of the purchase of arms received from Mons. Klinggraff, who was employed to purchase 10,000 arms, which are sent to Ireland; for directions to be given thereon. Whitehall, 4 April 1716.

" The acc^t^ refer'd to the Board of Ordnance by lre dat. 9^th^ April 1716." 1 *page.*

5 April. 3. Captain Francis Wivell to W^m^ Lowndes, Esq. Asks that the " Fubbs " yacht, the command of which has been given to him, may be furnished like the other yachts, as her furniture was long since worn

1716. out, it having been made for her in King Charles' reign, and she having lately been re-built. The "W^{m} & Mary" yacht has a damask bed. Hopes the Lords of the Treasury will order him (Captain Wivell), who is the oldest captain in England, a damask bed for the "Fubbs," being for the honour of the nation. Greenwich, 5 April 1716. 1 *page.*

5 April. 4. Representation of the inhabitants of Norwich to the Lords of the Treasury, against the arrest of judgment in the case of Nathaniel Beals, who was found guilty of exporting wool into France. Norwich, 5 April 1716.

Also an affidavit. 2 *large pages.*

9 April. 5. "Abstract of timber delivered for the service of y^{e} navy by Edw^{d} Wilcox during his being Surveyor of the Woods South of Trent."

Signed :—"Edw^{d} Wilcox, 9th April 1716." 1 *large page.*

10 April. 6. John Anstis, Garter [King-at-arms] to [? M^{r} Lowndes]. Thinks the Treasury has been most shamefully imposed on in regard to his salary. Hopes he may not be driven to apply to the Exchequer for the revival of the *Liberate writ.* Supposes he heard the Attorney-General's declaration in the house about the legality of his (Anstis') patent, which he hopes will have credit at the Treasury. The only objection ever made is about the Earl Marshal's nomination, which M^{r} Attorney says is not required. However, he has it under the hands and seals of the Duke of Norfolk and of the Lord Suffolk, though he hears the latter thinks he has been so careless as to lose it. April 10, 1716.

Minuted :—"Read." 2 *pages.*

11 April. 7. James Stanhope to W^{m} Lowndes, Esq. Asks that the Lords of the Treasury would give orders to make the Lord Chamberlain's warrant effectual, viz., for the payment of Captain Thomas Scot 612*l.* 1*s.* 9*d.* expended by him in fitting up his ship for the reception of the King of Sicily. Whitehall, 11 April 1716.

The Treasurer of the Chambers' memorial and the warrant referred to. 3 *pages.*

13 April. 8. "An acc^{t} of the incident charges of packing, shiping off, &c^{a}, the ten thousand arms bought in Holland for the service of the Kingdom of Ireland, as transmitted from thence by Monsieur Klinggraff to the Lords Commissioners of his Maj^{tys} Treasury, and by their Lordships to the Board of Ordnance." 13 April 1716.

Minuted :—"20th April 1716. Prepare a warr^{t} for 2,601^{li} 10^{s} to the Lords Justices of Ireland, who are to repay the s^{d} sum to the Trear̃er of the Ordnance." 1 *page.*

14 April. 9. Report of Thomas Hewett to the Lords of the Treasury, as to his having treated with M^{r} Sayers for his interest of 18 years in certain spring woods and wood lands called Knowle Grove, Fan

Grove, and Stubbridge Coppice, in the parishes of Chertsey, Thorp, and Egham, in the county of Surrey; the amount to be paid is 350*l.* He (Mr Hewett) can sell the woods for 400*l.* or upwards. 14 April 1716.

Minuted:—"Agreed." 1 *page.*

24 April. 10. Report of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of the Lady Catherine Jones, one of the daughters of Richard, Earl of Ranelagh, deceased, praying his Majesty's warrant for the grant of a pension of 100*l.* per ann. on the Irish Establishment for 21 years, as an equivalent for the Crown rent she has to pay out of the estate left her by the late Earl. Agree that it will be a favour well bestowed. Dublin Castle, 24 Apr. 1716.

Minuted:—"12th June 1716. Prepare a warrt." 1 *page.*

28 April. 11. Representation by the Comrs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, in answer to a letter from them relating to the disaffection to the government of Mr Ferryman, Collector in Wales, Middle Collection, and to their Lordships' recommendation of Mr Matthew Davis, for an appointment in the Excise. It appears from a letter from Sir Arthur Owen, Bart., that Mr Ferryman had intermeddled in an election contrary to law and to repeated orders, whereupon he was discharged. The Comrs say, in enumerating the duties of a collector of Excise, that he "is the superior officer in the collection he is intrusted with, and to him all the inferior officers in the collection ought to apply, for advice and assistance in all cases of difficulty or doubt that may arise or happen in his collection, with relation to the said duties; he ought therefore to be thoroughly acquainted with all the laws of Excise and the other Acts which any ways relate to the said dutys, to enable him to informe and instruct the inferiour officers in such cases, and be also capable of drawing informacõns in legall forms upon the sd Acts against such persons as shall offend against the same. It being a duty incumbent upon him not only to prepare such informacõns, but also to prosecute and manage the evidence for supporting the same before the justices of the peace, before whom such informacõns are lodged. It is the duty of a collector of Excise to hear and determine disputes and controversies arising between the supervrs and officers in the performance of their respective dutys, and to examine the complaints made by the supervrs in their diarys against the officers under their inspection," &c. They further observe that the placing of persons who were never concerned in the revenue at the first step into the office of a collector, will not only be a discouragement to those in that service, but to all other officers who have served long and faithfully in the revenue. 28 Apr. 1716.

Minuted:—"1 May 1716. Read. Lord Coningsby present."

Also a translation of the above into French. 9 *pages, two halves.*

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2 May. 12. Copy of declaration of Col. Alexr Campbell, of Funnat, captain of an Independent company, viz.:—that in the month of December, in the time of the late Rebellion, Lady Glenorchy, being informed of the design the rebels had to force the men of Breadalbane to join them, sent to him to come with his company and others of the Argyleshire militia to possess her house of Finlarig. Immediately marched thither from Inverary with his company and 400 of the militia, and this broke the designs which the rebels had on Breadalbane and on the adjacent countries, and was otherwise very useful to the Government at that time by straitening the rebels at Perth. Dated at Ednample, 2 May 1716. 1 *page*.

8 May. 13. " Ane estimate of the cost and charges of a parcel of goods to be bought and shipped on board the Dolphin, Capt. — Hopkins, commdr, for New York, as part of his Majestie's present to the Five nations of Indians under protection of his Majestie's government of the Province of New York." 8 May 1716.

Letter at the foot of George Bampfield, who provided the same.

Letter ordering the estimate to be prepared, and another list of the articles.

Minuted:—" Wart signd 11th May 1716." 3 *pages*.

8 May. 14. Col. Hatt Compton to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the ground which the Comrs of Customs have taken near the garrison to put their timber and materials on for repairing the Custom House. Has examined all the officers and cannot find that that or any other part so near the garrison was ever permitted for such a purpose. If four or five hundred disaffected persons had a design to surprise the garrison, they might be sheltered and undiscovered; or if a fire should happen there, it might endanger the burning " this place." Has acquainted the Secretary of State with this affair, in order to have some authority to justify the granting of this ground in case any accident should happen. Tower of London, 8 May 1716. 1 *page*.

[? About 9 May.] 15. Petition of William Sutherland, sometime merchant at Edinburgh, to the Lords of the Treasury. Petitioner being at Inverness in September 1715 with a ship was advised by Mr Duncan Forbes, advocate (who then held out " Cullodin Castle " in defiance of the rebels) to remain in the road in order to carry intelligence to the provost of Edinburgh as to the circumstances of the rebels, the correspondence by land being stopped. This he did. During his stay other ships sailed with fair winds and arrived safely, but petitioner was overtaken by a storm in pursuing his voyage with the intelligence and lost his ship and cargo at Frazerburgh, whereby he was damaged 500*l*. The master of another ship, who was of the rebellious faction, carried the cargo belonging to petitioner into Dundee, then in possession of the rebels, who, upon petitioner refusing to pay them the duties, imprisoned him, and unloaded the cargo and robbed him of a considerable part. Prays relief.

Two certificates in his favour; one is dated 9 May 1716. 3 *pages*.

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9 May. 16. Report of R. Powys to the Lords of the Treasury. On a memorial from M^rs Elizabeth Bridger, praying to be paid the rent of a ready-furnished house in Duke Street, Westminster, hired of her by M^r Vice-Chamberlain for the Commissioners appointed to settle the Treaty of Commerce between Great Britain and France. Certifies that the house was hired by M^r Vice-Chamberlain for the purpose mentioned from 8 Feb. 1714 at the rent of 200*l.* per ann., and that 215*l.* were due to the memorialist. 9 May 1716.

The memorial and two other papers. 5 *pages.*

12 May. 17. Charles Harison's report concerning licences granted by the Court of Exchequer to compound upon penal laws, &c. from 17 Jan. 1715 to 18 Feb. following, and from 3 March 1715 to 12 May 1716.

Two papers. 6 *double pages.*

[? About 14 May.] 18. Petition of Patrick M^cDowall, Esq,, to the King. His father-in-law, Robert Martin, who was farmer of the Excise in the county of Aberdeen for the years 1693. 1694, and 1695, was disturbed during his lease by the justices of the peace on pretence of the general famine, whereby he suffered great damage. The damages were found to amount to 910*l.* sterling. Petitioner and his father-in-law have lain out of that sum for 20 years. Prays payment. 1½ *pages.*

14 May. 19. Lord Townshend to the Lords of the Treasury. The King has appointed Edward Willes, M.A., of Oriel College, Oxford, to be Decipherer in the room of Dr. John Keill, and he is to be allowed 200*l.* by the year, as was formerly allowed to M^r William Blencowe, who had that employment. Whitehall, 14 May 1716. 1 *page.*

18 May. 20. Petition of the mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of Berwick-upon-Tweed to H.R.H. George, Prince of Wales, Guardian of Great Britain. In their petition in January last they represented that Edward Nealson and 19 others were owners of property situate in Berwick, in a street called Castlegate, between the old and new walls of the town. In October 1715, when the rebels were on this side the Forth, coming southward under the command of M^cIntosh and others, under the direction of M^r Foster, Capt. Thomas Philips, one of his Majesty's engineers, was in Berwick giving directions for repairing the fortifications; and altho' there were nearly 500 towns-men in arms for his Majesty, yet he (the engineer) judged it absolutely necessary for the strength and safety of the garrison that the houses, &c. of these proprietors should be demolished or the garrison would not be tenable. The petitioners assembled and moved the proprietors thereon, who willingly complied with the demand, not doubting that they should be satisfied; whereupon the houses were razed to the ground, and the proprietors damnified to the amount of 841*l.* 10*s.* His Majesty referred the matter to the Board of Ordnance to make good the damage, who answered that they had no money for that purpose. Pray for consideration and relief for the proprietors. With seal and various signatures.

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Also (1) "proposals made by Capt. Thomas Philips, engineer, for putting his Majesty's garrison of Berwick-upon-Tweed into a posture of defence, the 17th day of October 1715"; (2) copy of the proceedings of the Guild in this matter; (3rd) an estimate of the value of the houses; and (4) report of the Board of Ordnance on the same subject. Dated 18 May 1716. 5 *pages.*

[After 18 May.] 21. Copy of petition of John Fogg, of Bolton, in Lancashire, to the Prince of Wales, Guardian of Great Britain, &c. Petitioner rode night and day in and about Preston when the rebels were approaching. An answer brought by him to an express he had carried was of great use, for Col. Stanhope moved out of Preston, and petitioner furnished himself with horse and arms to join Brigadier Honywood. This singular loyalty in that county and at that juncture was more disturbing to his neighbours than the approaching rebels; and the reproaches he since meets with make him stand like a mark to be shot at. Prays employment, military or otherwise. Asks for a vacant clerk's place in the Office of Ordnance.

Copies of two other papers on the same subject. One is a certificate dated 18 May 1716.

Minuted:—"50li for services done at Preston agt ye rebels." 2 *pages.*

23 May. 22. A. Spotswood to the Lords [of the Treasury?]. The mismanagement of the revenues of this colony (Virginia) has caused him to suspend Mr. Ludwell, who acts as Auditor. Encloses copy of the charges against him, in which are contained the several endeavours he used for improving his Majesty's revenues, more particularly that of the quit-rents, and what obstructions he has encountered. If the produce of the quit-rents in former years be compared with that revenue in the two last years, since he has obtained the enactment of laws thereon, the comparison will show that his endeavours have not been unprofitable; and their Lps will be the more surprised that an officer managing that revenue should so far forget his duty as openly to oppose all the measures by which that revenue has been increased. While those who ought to be assisting run counter to all his schemes, and make their court to the people by sacrificing the just rights of the Crown, the best projected schemes may be rendered ineffectual. Has given directions to the Receiver-General to remit into the Exchequer what is yet unpaid of the 3,000*l.* required by her late Majesty's instructions to be paid out of the quit-rents. Virginia, May 23, 1716.

Accompanied by another paper entitled:—Observations upon the mismanagements of the King's revenues of Virginia with the Lieutenant-Governor's charge against the Deputy-Auditor. 8 *pages.*

24 May. 23. Affidavit of Abraham Canes, of the parish of St Andrews, Holborn, hackney coachman, viz., that he applied to Thomas Sutton, Esq., one of the Comrs for regulating hackney coachmen, for a licence to drive a hackney coach. Mr. Sutton agreed thereto, provided he would give a gratuity. Deponent gave him a guinea,

and 1*s.* 8*d.* for the plates. Mr Sutton also obliged him to pay one pound for the first month's rent for the plates, altho' the month was expired, except four or five days. About a fortnight after the delivery of the plates, the deponent gave Mr Sutton the guinea; applied again several times for a licence, and Mr Sutton told him there was a vacancy, but said it would cost him four or five guineas more. This deponent promised to pay the same, but Mr Sutton never procured the licence. 24 May 1716.

Minuted:—"29th July 1717. Enquire of the Solr about Canes."

Similar affidavit of Joseph Gamball, of the parish of St James's, Westminster, as to the receipt of bribes by Mr Sutton. Same date. 2 *pages.*

26 May. 24. Report of the principal officers of the Mint to the Lords of the Treasury of the several quantities of tin unsold, and what remains due to the persons in whose hands the tin lies for their security. Mint Office, 26 May 1716. 1 *page.*

1 June. 25. Report of R. Powys to the [Lords of the Treasury] upon discrepancies in the Earl of Stairs' bill of extraordinaries. The bill exceeds the regulation by 2,124*l.* 10*s.* 3*d.* 1 June 1716.

The bill referred to, one of the items of which is:—

"Given to several persons, the King's subjects and others, who went to observe the Pretender and the Duke of Ormond at several times, and to those who went to the sea port towns and other places of France to observe what was a doing for the Pretender's service 865*l.*"

Also another paper containing the reasons why the Treasury refuse to pay "my Lord Stairs' bill of exrys." One of the reasons is:—"No one minister who has divers characters is to receive exrys for more than one of 'em, therefore, when he charges as Embr his exrys as Envoy Exry cease." 4 *pages.*

2 June. 26. Report of the Postmasters-General to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of the persons claiming by mortgage the estate of Edward Dummer, Esq., formerly contractor for carrying on the correspondence between England and the West Indies. The auditors had considered Mr Dummer's accounts of the West India packet boats from 20 Aug. 1702 to 25 Jan. 1704–5, for which he had received 19,000*l.* by way of imprest. The postmasters analyze the allegations in the petition and say further, "we have reason to believe that several of Mr Dummer's pacquet boats were taken by the enemy, and no doubt very much to his loss and prejudice, but cannot say whether this undertaking was the sole occasion of the misfortunes he fell into, which afterwards proved so fatal to his affairs, that he became a bankrupt and died insolvent." The mortgage upon Mr Dummer's estate was previous to any contract or undertaking with the Postmaster-General, and there appears no likelihood of recovering any part of the balance of the accounts, which is reduced to 382*l.* 10*s.* 2¼*d.* Petitioners may be gratified

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in having the imprests, amounting to 19,000*l.*, discharged. 2 June 1716.

The petition and copy of Mr Auditor Harley's report.

Minuted:—"13th June 1716. Prepare a privy seal to allow the account and discharge the balance, but grounded upon the several reports of the Auditor of Imprest and Postmaster-General."

Also copies of two other papers relating thereto. 12 *pages*.

4 June. 27. Report of Auditor Harley to the Lords of the Treasury, on the accounts of the Rt Hon. James, Earl of Carnarvon, late Paymaster-General of the Forces, of the money paid by him for the service of the forces in Spain and Portugal for the years 1710 and 1711. Is of opinion that privy seals are necessary for allowing these payments.

The payments noticed are:—

To the German and Italian forces serving in Spain in 1710, 205,320*l.* 16*s.* 2*d.*, and in 1711, 238,096*l.*, 6*s.* 0*d.*

To Prince Eugene of Savoy in 1710, 4,047*l.* 1*s.* 3*d.*, and 4047*l.* 12*s.* 4½*d.* to Count Gallas in 1711.

To Portuguese troops in Catalonia, 103,100*l.* 10*s.* for 1710.

To the Palatine troops in Catalonia, 1709–1711, 41,000*l.* 15*s.*, and 2,009*l.* 17*s.* 8*d.* on account of their extraordinaries.

To the regiment of Grisons, 12,527*l.* 19*s.* 0¼*d.*

For subsisting a Spanish regiment of foot and two troops of horse serving in Alicant in the year 1708, 15,277*l.* 6*s.* 10¼*d.*

To the regiment of horse commanded first by Major-Genl Hogan, and afterwards by Sir Daniel Carroll, 16,267*l.* 12*s.* 1*d.*, and to another regiment of horse commanded by the Marquis D'Assa, 19,386*l.* 5*s.* 6*d.*

To the Spanish regiment of foot raised in Portugal and commanded by the Earl of Galway, 3,623*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.*

To Antonio Belvitges and Joseph Larissa and Co., undertakers, for supplying the army in Spain with draught and mule carriage for bread, and for the train of artillery for the service of the year 1710, 109,321*l.* 13*s.* 9¾*d.*

To his Imperial Majesty on account of his subsidy as King of Spain for the year 1710, 112,042*l.* 9*s.* 4½*d.*, and for 1711, 37,970*l.* 19*s.* 3½*d.*

To the King of Portugal 150,000*l.* for maintaining 13,000 men for the year 1710, and 110,000*l.* for the year 1711.

And some other smaller sums. 4 June 1716.

Minuted:—"Wts prepared." 9 *pages*.

4 June. 28. Lord Townshend to the Lords of the Treasury. His Majesty is pleased to allow, as a reward for their fidelity, 60*l.* to Sergeant Gumbleton, a sergeant in the Coldstream regiment, and 40*l.* to Corporal Muloy, in the same regiment, for having discovered to the Government a design of corrupting the guards at Newgate in order to let several of the prisoners make their escape, and for apprehending one of the persons concerned therein. Whitehall, 4 June 1716.

Minuted:—"5th June 1716. Prepare a warrt." 1 *page*.

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4 June. 29. Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury. Send an address of the Irish House of Commons in behalf of Sir James Barlow and others, who prayed for the payment of an arrear of 3,636*l.* 17*s.* 1*d.* due to them for clothing the regiments of Corbet, Wade, Kerr, Churchill, Pepper, and Wittewronge. Also the report thereon of M^{r} Pratt, Deputy Vice-Treasurer. Dublin Castle, 4 June 1716.

The two papers referred to and a petition from the clothiers. 4 *pages.*

5 June. 30. Report of H. Cholmley, Surveyor-General, to the Lords of the Treasury. Has waited upon the Archbishop of Canterbury in relation to a lease of three barge houses and other the premises belonging thereto, and has adjusted the fine and rents. 5 June 1716.

Minuted:—"Prepare a warr^{t}." 1 *page.*

[? About 5 June] 31. Petition to the King, of George Lucy, of Charlcot, in the county of Warwick, Esq., J.P., on behalf of the petty constables and others of that county concerned in arming and subsisting the *posse*, assembled by the late high sheriff, for suppressing the riots and tumultuous assemblies in and about Birmingham, which happened in July 1715. The constables by virtue of the high sheriff's warrants armed and subsisted 930 men, horse and foot, and the petitioner, with the justices and other gentlemen, after having formed out of the *posse* a body of horse, attended the high sheriff of Birmingham, and dispersed the rioters, "executed an inquisition," and seized, fined, and imprisoned several of the ringleaders of the tumults, and thereby put a stop to the riots in that part of the kingdom. The constables disbursed 841*l.* 9*s.* 3*d.*, but his Majesty's justices being at a loss to satisfy the petty constables for that sum, there being no law to authorise any levies upon the several parishes that furnished the men (as appears by the opinion of Sir Edward Northey, the Attorney-General), and the loss being likely to fall on the petty constables, the petitioner refers the whole matter to his Majesty.

Minuted:—"5th June 1716. Prepare a rep^{t} to be layd before the King." *Again*:—"Rithcart 200*l.*, Petcum 300." 1 *page.*

[? About 6 June.] 32. A list of persons, being great objects of charity, who crave pensions, and pray to be recommended by the Com^{rs} for executing the office of Master of the Horse, to the Lords of the Treasury, with a recommendation of their cases. Some of them were servants of King Charles II. and King W^{m} III.

Signed:—"C. D'Arcy, Fr. Negus."

Minuted:—"6th June 1716. Not thought reasonable." 2 *pages.*

30 May and 9 June. 33. Copies of two letters:—(1) Edward Northey to the King. Has examined the letters of Mess^{rs} Hill and Chetwynd, representing that the pension of 555*l.* a year allowed by the late Queen Anne to the ministers and school-masters of the poor Vaudois, may be continued, and paid out of the rents of the Savoy hospital, which was

dissolved in the last reign, and which have been kept in the Exchequer for pious uses. Declares to his Majesty that at the commencement of the reign of the late Queen Anne, after a visit made by her Majesty's commission, the master and chaplains were deprived of the rents for not conforming to the statutes of King Henry the VIIth, the founder. The late Queen designed to found a hospital in the Savoy, composed of a master, a chaplain, and 20 poor widows out of the revenues, but was prevented by a clause in the Act for the Civil List. The revenues are now at his Majesty's disposal. 30 May 1716.

(2.) James Stanhope to the Lords of the Treasury. It is the King's pleasure that the warrants be prepared for payment of the above sum. 9 June 1716. (French.)

Another paper, representing the miserable condition of these Vaudois, and asking for the allowance of the 555*l.* per annum. The persecution, which the King of Sicily has frequently raised against them, makes this assistance so much the more necessary for their condition is so low, that they are not able to support their churches of themselves.

Also another copy of a paper (undated), showing that King William [the Third] had in 1694 established a pension for these Vaudois churches, and that Queen Anne had continued the same until the change of ministry at the end of her reign, since which the churches had suffered extremely. It was now hoped that this charity would be resumed on the elevation of his Majesty to the Throne. It was impossible for them to exist if his Majesty did not assist them. The Roman Catholics employed all means to destroy these churches. In proportion as their misery increased, missionaries were sent amongst them, who offered the poor people money to change their religion, &c. A Protestant, who had a suit with a Roman Catholic, was almost sure to lose it. (French.) 6½ *pages.*

11 June. 34. Secretary Stanhope to the Lords of the Treasury, for directions to be given for payment of 130*l.* to Adam Cockburne, Esq., his Majesty's Justice Clerk in North Britain, who had been directed to cause some houses in Edinburgh, Linlithgow, and Blackness, to be repaired and fitted for the reception of prisoners. Whitehall, 11 June 1716.

Minuted:—"19th June 1716. Prepare a warrt." 1 *page.*

14 June. 35. Wm Popple to the Rt Hon. Sir Wm St Quintin. Encloses a short memorial of Captain Taverner's case. 14 June 1716.

The memorial. Captain Taverner was appointed by her late Majesty to survey the parts of Newfoundland, ceded from France to Great Britain by the late treaty of peace. In May 1715 the King continued him in the employment, and ordered the payment of 217*l.* 13*s.*, laid out by him in that service, and for his salary at 20*s.* a day, and ordered him to England to give an account of his further proceedings. Two letters were written by his Majesty's direction for payment to be made, but nothing done. Prayed directions to be given for payment.

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Copies of the letters. Also, state of Mr Taverner's case.

Minuted:—"11th July 1716. Read. State the debt from the time he continued and the King's authority for his return." *Again:* —"25th March 1716–17. Mr. Taverner to be paid upon his allowce of 20*s.* p diem to the time of his return." 5 *pages.*

[*See also* Vol. CXCIX. 46.]

16 June. 36. Presentment of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the state of the revenue in the Plantations, and the trade there. Are informed that the town of Basterre, in the Island of St. Christopher, which lately belonged to France, is, since the peace, likely to become the chief place for trade in that Island. Ask their Lordships to move his Majesty to have a piece of ground set apart for a Custom House there. Considerable sums due on plantation bonds, &c. in the Leeward Islands, and Bermuda, have been lost for want of a proper court for the recovery of such debts. The Surveyor-General formerly represented the necessity of having a Court of Exchequer in each of them. Lands of 500*l.* yearly value should be reserved out of the French part of the Island for a fund to defray the charge of the establishment.

[*Minuted:*—"To be put into French, to be laid before his Maty."]

Col. William Codrington, the proprietor of the Island of Bermuda (where cattle, sheep, and horses are bred), the Governor of which is appointed by the proprietor, but not approved by his Majesty, as other governors of the British Plantations are, suffers brandy and other prohibited goods to be illegally brought into the Island, to be from thence secretly landed in the other islands. Propose that the King should signify to Col. Codrington, who resides at Antego, to send strict orders to his Governor not to suffer any illegal trade. Propose that the officers of Customs be excused from appearing in arms, when the militia are drawn out in the several islands. His Majesty's pleasure should be signified to the Governors of Barbadoes and Antego, that they recommend to the respective assemblies the passing of a law to empower his Majesty, by commission, to appoint wharfs and keys for shipping and landing goods.

[Each of the above clauses is minuted as above.]

Are of opinion that the officers of the Customs in Barbadoes and the Leeward Islands, mentioned in a list marked A, should for the future be established as the rest of the officers of the Customs are in those Islands. Pray a warrant for the same.

[*Minuted:*—"Wt to be prepared."]

Pray that proper directions may be given to restrain the commanders of ships of war, stationed on these islands and the continent of America, from transporting goods without entry or payment of duties.

[*Minuted:*—"Copy of this to be sent to the Admlty."]

Mr Craven, the Governor of South Carolina, has, instead of protecting their officers, discountenanced and obstructed them in their duty, whereby illegal trade is openly carried on, as is set forth in a paper marked B. Ask for his Majesty's pleasure to be signified thereon.

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[*Minuted:*—" To be put into French for the King."]

His Majesty's shares of the moneys paid to Governors on account of penalties and forfeitures for breach of acts of trade and navigation, are refused to be given up by them to the officers of Customs, upon pretence that they are applicable to particular uses of the respective governments, &c., as appears by paper marked C. [*Similar minute.*]

" Propose that his Majesty's pleasure be signified to the several Governors thereon. The Surveyor of the southern part of the Continent of America, has complained that M^r Norris, the naval officer of Jamaica, has assumed the sole privilege and power of entering and clearing vessels, &c., and has opposed the officers of Customs, and was guilty of practices set forth in a paper marked D. Recommend that the Governor or Commander-in-Chief of the Island make an inquiry thereon, &c. 16 June 1716."

Minuted:—" 23^d July 1717. Such part as is proper to be laid before the King to be put in French. Warr^ts to be prepared for what is in my Lord's power."

" A letter to the Adm^lty as to what relates to the men-of-war.'

The above papers are not now with this presentment. 7 *pages*.

18 June. 37. Earl of Manchester to the [Secretary to the Treasury]. As he is only to be paid from 1707 to 1711, which includes (with what he formerly received) the 4,000^li now ordered, so from that time to the Queen's death he is entirely to lose. Is confident there is no person who has arrears due to him who is not paid already beyond that year, or has received some part, whereas he has received none. This entitles him in justice to have an order to be paid out of the first money of the Queen, which must be done by signing a letter to the Exchequer, which will be a real service to him, especially if he should be named as one of the bed chamber " to follow the King." 18 June 1716. 2 *pages.*

18 June. 38. The Duke of Somerset to the Lords of the Treasury. Desires them to order 4,000*l.* for the extraordinaries of his Majesty's stables. When that is received, will be accountable for 15,000*l.* Their Lordships shall soon afterwards have a just and satisfactory account of the whole receipts and expenses whilst he has executed the office of Master of the Horse. 18 June 1716.

Minuted:—" Read 5 Aug. 1716. To be considered when other paym^ts are to be made on ye Civil List to-morrow." 1 *page.*

[? About 20 June.] 39. Petition of John Elphinstone to the Lords of the Treasury. Has the care of the Cotton Library, so much valued both at home and abroad, and generally esteemed the best collection of its kind now anywhere extant, consisting of the most useful manuscripts, records, and other memorials in most languages, of great use and service for the knowledge and preservation of our Constitution, both in Church and State. The library is contained in rooms near adjoining the river, and will perish by dampness if provision is not made for firing. Has been at charge of 35*l.* for firing and for cleaning the rooms, and has received no salary. 30*l.* a year will be but sufficient

1716. for the necessary expenses. Prays for the 35*l.* mentioned, and for 10*l.* for a quarter's salary, from Michaelmas to Christmas, as well as for an annual provision.

Minuted:—" 20th June 1716. An allowance of 30^{li} p ann. to be made to him for defraying the charges of firing, candle, &c. Prepare a warr^{t} for w^{t} is due at Mids^{r} on his salary. My Lords allow him 30^{li} p ann. from Michs last." 1 *page.*

20 June. 40. James Stanhope to Captain Paddon. As there is no likelihood of his succeeding in his negotiation to procure a treaty or truce with the Moors, his Majesty revokes his commission, and recalls him. Encloses the Revocation, lodging in the hands of the Lieut.-Governor of Gibraltar power to set a treaty on foot with the Emperor of Morocco. The papers necessary are to be left with him. Will endeavour to get the bills of his extraordinaries paid. On his return home may depend upon being provided for according to his rank in the Navy. 20 June 1716.

Also the Revocation. 2½ *pages.*

[?About 21 June.] 41. Petition of Sir Bibye Lake, Bart. By agreement of the Treasury had paid and assigned 13,149*l.* 10*s.* 7½*d.* in discharge of Robert Peters' debt to the Crown as Receiver-General of Hertfordshire, whereupon all the estates of Peters should be granted to petitioner. Prays a short day to be granted for hearing counsel against a *caveat* lodged by General Wills against the assignments being accepted, and for directions to be given to enable the petitioner to obtain a grant of Peters' estates, &c.

Minuted:—" 21st June 1716. Give notice to all partys concern'd to attend with their councel the 2^{d} July next,"

Again:—" M^{r} Bambridge is concerned for all but the pet^{r}, so he to have notice with a copy of the pet^{n} that he may be prepared to answer." 1 *page.*

[A full account of the hearing of this case is entered in the *Minute Book*, Vol. 21, p. 37. 27 Sept. 1716.]

22 June. 42. Memorial of the Com^{rs} of the Equivalent for Scotland to the Lords of the Treasury. Some time since presented a memorial to their L^{ps} containing an estimate of the salaries of the Com^{rs}, and allowances for clerks, &c., but no directions have been given thereon. Once more lay the same before their L^{ps}, and pray an order of a privy seal for the same. 22 June 1716.

Minuted:—" 29th June 1716. Look into the clause of appropriation." *Again:*—" ½ a year's salary out of the fonds of the year 1715." 1 *page.*

23 June. 43. M^{r} Secretary Stanhope to the Lords of the Treasury. For payment forthwith of 200*l.* to Charles Stanhope, 100*l.* to M^{r} James Payzant, 100*l.* to M^{r} Thomas Brereton, 50*l.* to Michael Armestead, and 20*l.* to M^{r} Isaac Burrows, who were to attend his Majesty in his absence from the kingdom. And the following allowances were to be settled upon them in place of board wages, viz., to Charles Stanhope 20*s.* per diem, to each of the four clerks 10*s.* per diem, and to Isaac Burrows 5*s.* per diem. 23 June 1716.

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Minuted:—"29th June 1716. Make a warrt for these upon the P.S. dormt." (2) "A warrt prepared for 470li to enable them to give their attendance." (3) "4th July 1716. Prepare a P.S. according to this lre for the weekly allowances." (4) "7th Febry 1716–17. A warrt to be prepared according to the certificate to be sent from the Secretary of the time of their departure and return."

Also the certificate referred to in the last minute. 3 *pages.*

26 June. 44. Mr Secretary Stanhope to the Lords of the Treasury. For directions to provide a present, not to exceed 500*l.* or thereabouts, for the Dey of Tripoli, to be sent by the envoy who is returning thither. 26 June 1716.

Minuted:—"29th June 1716. Prepare S. Manual. Warrt sign'd."

Also a list of the articles. 1½ *pages.*

26 June. 45. The same to the same. The Envoy from Tripoli having taken leave, his Majesty is resolved that he and his retinue shall be transported thither at his expense, and the Envoy desiring to go in the ship belonging to the bearer, Mr Francia, his Majesty's pleasure is that they contract with Mr Francia for the transport. 26 June 1716.

Minuted:—"29th June 1716. Ex. wt precedts there have been." "Upon search it does not appear that any paymts have been made out of the civill list revenues for services of this kind; but it is found that in Mr Lodington's bill of extrys, he had an article of 100*l.* allowed him for the hire of a vessell to carry the Tripoline Envoy from thence to Port Mahone; and it is therein mencõned that that governmt obliged him so to do." 1 *page.*

29 June. 46. Power of attorney granted by Captain William Taverner, of the parish of St. Brides, *alias* Bridgets, London, gentleman, to Thomas Vernon, Esq., to receive 1,269*l.* due to him (the captain) as Surveyor of such parts of the coast of Newfoundland and the adjacent islands as the French have usually fished upon. 29 June 1716.

Acceptance of the power by Thomas Vernon.

Petition from him to the Treasury for the above sum.

Another paper *docquetted:*—"Mr Vernon's power to receive what is due to Capt. Taverner."

In the *Minute Book,* Vol. 21, p. 7, 11 July 1716, is:—"Mr Taverner's demand, as he had a commission from the late Queen, and went Surveyor to Newfoundland (attended by Mr Vernon), is read, as also a letter from the Treasury, dated the 5th of August 1713, opposing the Commission and the charge thereof. My Lords tell Mr Vernon it wants great consideracõn before the demand be paid, but order it to be stated for the time he acted under the King's authority to the day of his returne."

Again at p. 31, 17 Sept. 1716:—"My Lords, upon a second application of Mr Vernon in behalf of Mr Taverner for his salary as Surveyor of Newfoundland are pleas'd to answer that they see no reason for making him any allowance, a former Treasury having oppos'd both that Commission and the charge of it." 4 *pages.*

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1716. [? About 4 July.] 47. The case of Mr Charles Hyett. The office of Constable and Keeper of the Castle of Gloucester has been held by patent from the Crown time out of mind for three lives. Two of the three lives in the last patent are dead, and the interest of the present life is vested in Mr Hyett. Her Majesty died before the arrangement of the surrender of the one life and addition of two others was completed. Mr. Hyett paid 200*l.* for the same, and prays directions to be given for passing the grant.

Minuted :—" 4th July 1716. Speak wth Mr Lowndes." *Again*, " 3 Aug. 1716. The lease to pass." 1 *page*.

5 July. 48. Lord Townshend to the Lords of the Treasury. Transmits the petition of Frances, the wife of Henry, late Viscount Bolingbroke, praying the King to grant her the estate, real and personal, of her husband, pursuant to the power reserved to his Majesty in the Act appointing Commrs to inquire of the estates of certain traitors. His Majesty's pleasure is, that directions shall be given forthwith for taking an inquisition of the real estate of her husband, and for granting her in the meantime the personal estate for her own use. Whitehall, 5 July 1716.

Minuted :—" 19th Septr 1716. Prepare a warrt for the personal estate containd in the inventory thereof; as for the real estate, it is in the power of the Comrs for Forfeitures, and my Lords cannot meddle with it." 1 *page*.

9 July. 49. Inventory of the goods seized on board the sloop " Betty " by his Majesty's officers of the Customs in South Carolina, and afterwards taken from the said officers by the Marshal belonging to the Depty Governor of South Carolina. Signed by the Collector. July 9, 1716. 1 *page*.

11 July. 50. Report of the Attorney and Solicitor-General to the Lords of the Treasury, on a letter of the Comrs of the Revenues in Ireland, enquiring whether they are to proceed on the Act passed in Ireland for attainting the late Duke of Ormonde, to get his estate into the King's hands, in regard that an Act has passed in Britain appointing Comrs to enquire into the estates of certain traitors, &c. Have perused the Act, and are of opinion that the late Duke's estate is within the power of the Comrs, and therefore no proceedings can be taken on the Act passed in Ireland for obtaining that estate, the same being controlled by the British Act. 11 July 1716.

The letter referred to.

Minuted :—" 16th July 1716. Send a copie of this report to the Comrs of Revenue in Ireland. 17th do. Sent accordingly." 2 *pages*.

12 July. 51. Lord Chief Baron Smith (Scotland) to the Rt Hon. Lord Torrington, one of the Lords of the Treasury. Transmits a representation from the Barons of the Exchequer of Scotland that it may be considered by the Lords of the Treasury. It appears to him to have a plain tendency to the advancement of his Majesty's interests here. Edinburgh, 12 July 1716.

The representation of the Barons referred to. The revenues will not bear a greater weight. Warrants for two chaplains have been stopped, as it would make an addition, &c. Their L^{ps} should provide that no officer of the Customs should be admitted to the office till he has passed the examination of some skilful officer to be appointed for that purpose, and a former order of the Treasury should be revived, by which good officers are to be advanced according to their "ancientry" when vacancies happen. Many officers appear quickly to have skill enough to hurt the revenue. The Barons wish more of them were sufficiently skilful to be rightly serviceable in it. 4 *pages.*

[? About 16 July.] 52. Memorial of Duke Parsons, late deputy to Thomas Foley, Esq., one of the Auditors of Imprests, to the Lords of the Treasury. Has served in the office 38 years. 1st, under M^{r} Auditor Brydges, 2nd, under M^{r} Auditor Maynwaring, and 3rd, for near 20 years last as deputy to M^{r} Auditor Foley. Was concerned in the examination and making up the accounts of the two last wars, and attended the late Com^{rs} for the debts to the army. In making up the final account of the late Earl of Orford, as Treasurer of the Navy and Victualling, which determined in 1699, he found so great a surplusage come out due to the accountant, as made him apprehensive that some mistakes must have happened in the preceding accounts. Discovered that several great sums had not been charged, amounting to 120,000*l.*, and surcharged the final account therewith. This would otherwise have become a surplusage due to the accountant. Also disallowed 400*l.* on M^{r} Bertie's account, as Treasurer of the Ordnance. Nothwithstanding these and other services done to the public he was on a sudden dismissed from his employment by the Auditor on 29 April last, and M^{r} James Thomas, the next clerk, was appointed for no other cause than to reward him for services done to the affairs of his [? the Auditor's] family. Prays to be provided for under the Crown, and for a reward for his services.

Copy of certificate of the Deputy Auditors corroborating the statement as to the 400*l.* Dated 16 July 1716. 2½ *pages.*

17 July. 53. P. Methuen to Sir Clement Cotterel. Upon a representation from the Lords of the Admiralty of the inconveniences of the Envoy of Tripoli being transported in the ship appointed to carry M^{r} Wortley Montague's baggage to Leghorn, his Highness has directed their L^{ps} to appoint a frigate going against the Sallee Rovers, to carry the Envoy to Port Mahon, from whence Vice-Admiral Baker will be ordered to appoint a ship to transport him to Tripoli. Is to hasten the going of the Envoy on board the ship which is in the river. Whitehall, 17 July 1716. 1½ *pages.*

17 July. 54. Memorial of M^{r} Thomas Hewett to the Lords of the Treasury. Finds he is turned out of his offices, one of which (very inconsiderable) he has possessed since the Revolution. Asks their L^{ps} who shall finish the repairs and woodsales, &c. Only desires that things should be finished according to his contracts. Gives

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schedule of works in progress. Is informed that Mr Banks, clerk, and Mr Neale, Verderer of Sherwood Forest, and others have disturbed the workmen and colliers, servants to persons who bought windfall wood, "bound them into bonds, taken them into custody for some time to the great damage of the charcoal pits then on fire, &c., under pretence of disturbing the deer in the fence month, tho' no damage is done to them; a practice unheard of, and never used in that or any other forest," and altogether illegal. Takes it to be a "peake" and malice to him, because he would not permit them to fell the King's timber under pretence of fee trees. Hopes their Lps will give him leave to right himself, and that neither he, his chapman nor workmen, may be hindered for the future by his successor or any other persons in selling or working up the windfall wood which is so justly his. 17 July 1716.

Minuted:—"26th July 1716. Read. Mr Young, the prest surveyor, is to repair the dog kennel at Windsor, where Mr Hewett has made contracts & has raysed moneys by woodsales to performe the same; he is to finish the works. In other cases Mr Younge is to finish the workes and to make good the contracts of Mr Hewett. Mr Hewett is to proceed in selling the windfalls upon such warrants as he shall receive, but to be accotable for the same." [These minutes are also entered in the Minute Book, Vol. 21, p. 14.] 2 *pages*.

17 July. 55. Report of A. Cracherode to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Langham Booth, Esq., who had prosecuted John Ponting, yeoman, and Anne his wife, and John Goulsbury, as outlaws. By virtue of a special "capias utlegat" against them it was found that John Ponting was possessed of certain cattle which the sheriff seized to the value of 38*l*. As it appears that the petitioner's case is as set forth, recommends the grant of the privy seal for that amount as prayed for. 17 July 1716.

The petition, copy of writ and inquisition, and an affidavit.

Minuted:—"17th Sept. 1716. Prepare a p. seal." 4½ *pages*.

20 July. 56. Letter of Jo. Taylor, by command of the Lords of the Treasury, to Thomas Hewett, Esq., directing him to attend Mr Attorney and Mr Solicitor-General, and advise with them what was best to be done on a petition of Mrs Ruperta Howe, Chief Ranger and Keeper of the Forest and Chace of Alice Holt and Woolmer, in the co. of Southampton. 13 June 1715.

Memorandum of Mr Hewett's proceedings thereon. He searched the Tower, Exchequer, and Rolls Offices for *iters* and perambulations to prove Binswood within the forest, and to get depositions out of the country to prove the same, &c., and left them with the Attorney, but could not get him to make the report. 20 July 1716.

The memorial referred to. Complains of the daily disorders committed in the forest by unlawfully destroying the deer and covert. The offenders come in the day and night, and are too numerous for the few officers of the forest to oppose them. Also of a great waste committed in a wood called Binswood, containing about 160 acres, well stocked with young thriving timber trees, which Sir Simon Stuart caused to be entirely cut down and disposed of to his own use under pretence of right, 3¼ *pages.*

20 July. 57. Memorial of the Com^rs^ of Enquiry respecting Forfeitures to the Lords of the Treasury. Have made as proper an establishment for the respective Commissions of England and Scotland as they can. To encourage persons willing to make discoveries, as well as to possess those who entertain hopes of concealment with an apprehension of detection, and to save the public from the rewards, have named officers to make and receive exact accounts of the concealed forfeitures, &c. Again pray their L^ps^ to expedite the commission to M^r^ Joseph Henry to be receiver of the moneys arising from the forfeited estates in Ireland. 3,000*l.* will be immediately necessary for the Commissions of England and Scotland, before the Com^rs^ and their officers can set out or enter on business. Ask their L^ps^' warrant to M^r^ Henry for payment of that sum. Speaker's Chambers, 20 July 1716.

Also "A list of officers chosen and sworn by the Commissioners of Enquiry." 3 *pages.*

The above memorial resulted from the following minute in the *Minute Book,* Vol. 21, p. 8, 17 July 1716:—"The Commissioners for Forfeitures attending are call'd in. My Lords acquaint them that they will settle the list w^ch^ themselves gave in of their under officers and the salaries they think reasonable to be allow'd them, and will send it to them without loss of time. And their Lordships desire that as anything should occur in the way of their management proper for their L^ps^ to determine upon, they will transmit it to them by way of memorial."

[? About 20 July.] 58. Memorial of Joseph Banks, Esq., Register and Clerk of the Forest of Sherwood, and of the Swainmote, Woodmote, and Attachment Courts held therein, to the Lords of the Treasury. Two fee trees are yearly due by ancient usage to the person executing the above offices, to be taken in that forest in barking time, to wit, one for the Swainmote and the other for the other courts. Memorialist has executed the above offices for several years, and has not yet had the trees, but has been put off by M^r^ Hewett, surveyor or woodward of the forest, sometimes on pretence that her late Majesty would allow a reasonable sum in lieu thereof, at others, that only one fee tree was yearly due. Asks to have the fee trees due to him out of the wood blown down, or otherwise.

Minuted:—"20 July 1716. Send this to the Surv. Woods to state the fact and report." 1 *page.*

20 July. 59. Memorial of Theodore Randue to the Lords of the Treasury. Her late Majesty, on the decease of Mrs. Brown, ordered him to take charge of the Garden House at Windsor, and promised him 30 guineas yearly from her own hands, above 40*l.* per ann., which Mr. Brown had. Received one half year of the 40*l.* to Midsummer

1714, but nothing since, nor one penny of the 30 guineas. Prays for payment of 72*l.* 5*s.* due thereon.

Minuted :—"20 July 1716. The Chanc^{r} will speak to Lord Chamberlain about this." 1 *page.*

[After 20 July.] 60. An account of several expenses incurred for the service of his Majesty's land forces in the year 1715, not provided for by Parliament. 3 *large pages.*

24 July. 61. Joseph Bentley, Collector of Customs at Lancaster, to Lord ——. Asks his L^{p} to preserve him from his enemies, who had alarmed him a second time by telling him he is to be turned out after 25 years' service. Encloses copy of petition and several memorials, which he begs may be read at the Board. Custom House, Lancaster, 24 July 1716.

The copies of the documents referred to, the originals of some of which have been already noticed (*see* Vol. xciii. 94). 5 *pages.*

[? About 25 July.] 62. Petition of Edward Young, Esq., Surveyor-General of his Majesty's Woods, to the Lords of the Treasury. Prays the grant of an order to Thomas Hewett, Esq., to deliver to petitioner the books and papers belonging to his office.

Minuted :—"25th July 1716. Prepare a warr^{t} as usual."

[This is entered in the *Minute Book*, Vol. 21, p. 13, "Prepare a warrant for M^{r} Hewet to deliver over all muniments belonging to the office of Survey^{r} of the Woods to M^{r} Young, who succeeds him in that office, in like manner as M^{r} Wilcox did when succeeded by M^{r} Hewet.] 1 *page.*

26 July. 63. Report of the Attorney-General to the Lords of the Treasury, on a letter of Sir Nathaniel Lloyd, his Majesty's Advocate-General, relating to the condemnation of the ship "The Duke of Vendosme," taken as prize on the coasts of Scotland when carrying ammunition to the rebels. The question is whether the ship ought to be condemned to the King *in jure coronæ* or in his Admiralty as a perquisite of the Admiralty. Is of opinion that the perquisites of the Admiralty, being reserved to the Crown, it is not of any consequence in which manner it is condemned. Since the cause came to him, the judge of the Admiralty has adjudged it to be proceeded against as a perquisite of the Admiralty, and this sentence cannot be altered without an appeal, which it does not deserve. As to the Act appointing commissioners for forfeited estates, is of opinion that this forfeiture is not within that Act. 26 July 1716.

The letter referred to. 3 *pages.*

26 July. 64. Report of the Attorney-General (Northey) to the Lords of the Treasury, on a representation of the difficulties by the Com^{rs} of Customs of Scotland in respect to goods imported that had paid the duties demanded in the Pretender's name, the Com^{rs} being of opinion that ships that brought such goods in aid of the rebels were forfeited. Is of opinion that if the importation was designed for the rebels the ship and goods might be seized and condemned in the Court of Exchequer. Also as to certain debentures. 26 July 1716.

The paper referred to. 2½ *pages.*

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27 July. 65. The account of all salaries, wages, or other annual payments issuing and payable out of wood sales by the hands of Edward Wilcox, Esq., late Surveyor of the Woods, and the time to which they have been respectively paid. Also an account of the number of the several yet undeclared accounts which the said M^r^ Wilcox has hitherto exhibited, and in what forwardness they are towards passing. Signed, Tho. Jett, auditor. 27 July 1716.

Minuted :—" 3^d^ August 1716. Read." 2 *pages.*

27 July. 66. Memorial of Thomas Hewett, Esq., late Surveyor of H.M. Woods, to the Lords of the Treasury. The minute on his memorial relating to repairs and wood sales in the forests, &c. will embroil the service between him and his successor and the passing his accounts, &c. for these services, and wood sales are in one warrant, entered on record in the Auditor's office. If their L^ps^ order him to finish all their warrants now in the Auditor's office, it will make everything easy, and no ways interfere with his successor. Prays their L^ps^ to hear him a moment on the subject. 27 July 1716.

Minuted :—" 27 July 1716. Read." 1 *page.*

30 July. 67. M^r^ Secretary Stanhope to the Lords of the Treasury. Encloses the petition of Sir James Abercrombie. His Majesty's pleasure is that in consideration of the great expense he has been at whilst residing in Dunkirk, and overlooking the demolition of that place, their Lordships comply with his demand for an allowance of 3*l.* a day. Hanover, 30 July 1716.

Minuted :—" Write to Mr. Stanhop that S^r^ James Abercrombie was one of y^e^ 3 who was entitled to 3^li^ a day among them in the absence of the Gov^r^, for w^ch^ provision was made in Parliam^t^, and he can have no more unless the King give him a new title out of the Civil List money, w^ch^ my Lords cannot advise."

The memorial referred to states, " That he was formerly commandant of his Majesty's troops at Dunkirk, and one of the Com^rs^ for the demolition thereof. Has not received any reward for that service. Prays consideration for what he has undergone during four years in the execution of his duties. Was sent in the month of June 1712 with a commission from Queen Anne to settle the evacuation of Dunkirk, and to prepare for the reception of the British troops in the fortress. Was established as commandant of the garrison under the Governor, Major Hill, who returned to England on account of his health, and the petitioner commanded the troops till the coming of the King to the Crown. At the peace there remained at Dunkirk, beyond the British troops, which consisted of nine battalions, the marines and the galleys of the most Christian King. The reputation the fortress had, being on the point of demolition, drew a great number of general officers and persons of distinction of all nations to see it, and the commandant felt obliged to perform many acts of politeness. The Queen, foreseeing this, had proposed 5*l.* a day for the table of the Governor. Beyond these expenses, were the embarkation of troops, and various other expenses. 22 July 1716. (French).

A schedule of his claims. At the foot he hopes that if there can be no alteration as to the Com^{rs} of the demolition, he may have an allowance of 3*l.* a day for all the time he resided at Dunkirk, being full four years.

Also "An estimate of the extraordinary charges relating to Dunkirk for which no provision has been made by Parliam^{t}."

Also a query as to what money had been paid to the memorialist, with the following reply on the back:—"There has not been any money paid (in Mr. Moore's office) to Sir James Abercrombie as a Comiss^{r} for inspecting the demolition of Dunkirk.—Tho. Parr. Aug. 9, 1716." 7 *pages, 5 lines.*

31 July. 68. Report of the Barons of the Exchequer of Scotland to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of Sir George Warrender, Bart., M.P. for the city of Edinburgh. [The memorialist states that whilst Provost of Edinburgh, and since the beginning of the Rebellion, by order of the Secretary of State, he went from London to Edinburgh, and discovered and prevented the attempts of the rebels on that town and castle, and he was put to great charge, and was obliged to lay aside a large and gainful share of his trade, whereby he has much diminished his private estate, which is heavily burthened by a large "few duty" paid to the Exchequer; prays relief of this burthen until his Majesty shall grant him a warrant for any certain sum which he shall think fit.]

Cannot be of opinion that any of the property referred to should be anyways diminished by gifts or grants of this nature. Edinburgh, 31st July 1716.

Minuted:—"17th Dec^{r} 1716. Read." 2 *pages.*

31 July. 69. Report of the Barons of the Exchequer of Scotland to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of the Lord Lovat. Conceive such gift as is sought for may be legally granted. Edinburgh, 31 July 1716.

Minuted:—"20th August 1716. My Lords agree to this rep^{t}."

The memorial referred to, stating that Alexander Mackenzie, of Fraserdale, by taking advantage of the misfortunes of Lord Lovat, found means to become master of several old rights and titles to the estate formerly enjoyed by that family, and by being in possession of that estate at the time of the Rebellion, furnished the rebel army with a regiment consisting of persons of the name of Frazer, related to or dependants of that family, till Lord Lovat, by his appearing in arms for his Majesty in the north of Scotland had so great an influence over the name of Frazer that they publicly, with their arms, withdrew themselves from the late Earl of Marr, and the above Alexander Mackenzie joined Lord Lovat and assisted him when he, with his men, took the town of Inverness. Under the Act passed in the last year judgment was pronounced against the above Alexander Mackenzie, and his goods and the profits of his estate during his life are vested in the King. His Majesty may grant to any person (as is usual by the law of Scotland) the 500*l.* penalty and "single and life rent escheat." The value of the lands is said to be about 500*l.* yearly, the lands are, however, much encumbered, but the immediate making of a grant to a person of credit in that country, and well affected to his Majesty, would greatly strengthen the Government, both as to seizing any of the rebels who yet abscond, the disarming their fellows, and the encouraging those who are well affected, and consequently confirming the peace of that part of the kingdom. Asks that he (Lord Lovat), for his signal services, and for the encouragement of his kinsmen, may have a grant of the 500*l.* penalty, and single and life rent escheat of Alexander Mackenzie, having a natural right to the lands possessed by Mackenzie when he joined in the Rebellion.

Copy of the grant proposed.

The opinions of David Dalrymple and Ja. Stewart as to the King's power to grant the same. 8 *pages.*

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1 Aug. 1. Report of Mr Thomas Hewett to the Lords of the Treasury, on the value of Knowlegrove, Fangrove, Stubbridge Coppice, and other things joined with them, granted to George Sayer, Esq., by the late Queen Catherine, the two former being liable to a rent of 9*l.* 7*s.* per ann., and Stubbridge, &c. liable to a rent of 10*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* per ann., payable to the Crown. Sets out the acreage, &c. 1 August 1716. 2 *pages.*

[? About 2 Aug.] 2. Petition of Wm Dalmer, Esq., Richard Benson, and Fisher Holyoake, gent., to the Lords of the Treasury. Petitioners were sureties to the Crown for John Andrews, Esq., late Receiver-General of the Land Taxes for 1707, 1708, and 1709, in the co. of Warwick, and city of Coventry. On the death of Andrews, received the remainder of the tax and cleared his debt, being above 2,000*l.* out of pocket. 887*l.* 17*s.* 7¼*d.* are due to them for strong guards, &c. in bringing the money to the Exchequer. Pray that the latter sum may be ordered.

Also three states of the account signed by "Tho. Jett, auditor, ijd August 1716."

Minuted:—"Read 7th Augst 1716. A representacōn wilbe made in next session of those that comply wth the late Act by paymt of their whole arrear before Michs 1716, to the end a power may be obteyned to satisfie their allowances out of publique money." 4½ *pages.*

6 Aug. 3. John, Bishop of London, to Mr Lowndes. Encloses copy of Privy Seal as to the salary first granted by King William, and continued by Queen Anne, of 50*l.* a year to a Protestant minister at Philadelphia in Pennsylvania, and 30*l.* to a schoolmaster there, the

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payment of which continued untill the demise of her Majesty. The necessities of that infant church are such as still to need the like relief; prays that the salaries may be continued. Fulham, 6 Aug. 1716.

The copy named. 4 *pages.*

6 Aug. 4. Memorial of the same to the King, with the same prayer.

Minuted:—"6 Aug. 1716. Renew ye P.S." 1 *page.*

[? About 6 Aug.] 5. Memorial of Samuel Muller, of London, merchant, to the King. By virtue of a power granted to him by the "Lords of the laudable Canton of Berne," lays the original papers sent by that Canton before his Majesty, together with a translation relating to the sum of 3,754*l.* 9*s.* 8*d.* sterling, due to that Canton. Requests the necessary orders to be given to satisfy that demand.

Minuted:—"6th August 1716. Read. Speak to Mr Stanyan abt this." "7th August 1716. My Lords find this matter has been determined some years ago and cannot enter upon consideration of it again." 18½ *pages.*

6 Aug. 6. Memorial of Sir Roger Mostyn, Bart., late one of the Four Tellers of the Exchequer, to the Lords of the Treasury. On 26 June last, the remains of cash in his office, amounting to 165,330*l.* 14*s.* 9*d.* was transferred to the Hon. Richard Hampden, Esq., now one of the Tellers. Prays that a warrant for his bonds for his 7,000*l.* security may be directed to the King's Remembrancer in order that the bonds may be cancelled. Aug. 6, 1716.

Three other papers relating to his affairs. 5 *pages.*

16 Aug. 7. Comrs of Revenue, Ireland, to the Lords of the Treasury. Have managed the duties of Alnage to the best advantage. The duty has extremely fallen in Ireland since the Act to prohibit the export of woollen manufactures, and is sunk so low that if put into an officer's care it would be a loss to the revenue. Judged it most prudent to give public notice in all the market towns in the kingdom, resolving to close with the best bidder in each province or county respectively. Custom House, Dublin, 16 Aug. 1716.

Minuted:—"28th August 1716. Read. My Lords are of opinion that they should take this duty into their own care & direction for some time. Letter writ." 1 *page.*

[? About 17 Aug.] 8. Report of Francis Nicholson to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Capt. John Bartlett. Certifies that in March 1708 the petitioner served at New York as lieutenant and adjutant under his command in the intended expedition to Canada. For his fatigues and hardships was recommended to the Secretary-at-War, and had a company given him in Col. Whiteing's regiment, in which he served at the reduction of Port Royal. For his good behaviour there refers to his certificate. As to his being ordered out with a party and engaging with the French and Indians, being shot with a musket ball, by which he lost the use of his arm, and being likewise taken prisoner and barbarously used by them, his paying 50*l.* for his ransom, and other losses, amounting to 40*l.* more, it was made fully to appear to General Hill and to himself at Boston. Is satisfied of the barbarity of the French and Indians, and of the truth of the allegations. Recommends him to be reimbursed for his ransom and other losses.

Minuted:—"Read 17 Aug. 1716. Prepare a S.M. for 100^{li} for his ransom and other losses."

The petition referred to and copy of a certificate. 3 *pages.*

17 Aug. 9. "A list of the several persons who made the late loan of fifty thousand pounds on credit of the money arising by the sale of tin, and the sums by them respectively lent thereupon." Exchequer, 17 Aug. 1716. 1½ *pages.*

17 Aug. 10. Benjamin Bedford to the Lords of the Treasury. His Majesty signed a warrant almost a year since for payment of rent due for the house and furniture still possessed by the Muscovite Minister. Has been ever since petitioning their L^{ps} respecting the danger he was in for want of the same. Unless paid in a few days will be ejected by his landlord, which will be 1,000*l.* damage to him, and a great dishonour to the Government. Intreats the payment of at least 314*l.* 5*s.*, the remainder of the warrant, or must apply to the Ambassador himself rather than be ruined. 17 Aug. 1716.

Minuted:—"17th August 1716. Read. Pay the remainder of the warr^{t} out of the Q^{s} arrears, as likewise M^{rs} Bridges' arrears in the same warr^{t}."

There is also his petition of July 15, 1716. 2 *pages.*

[? About 20 Aug.] 11. Memorial of Thomas Crisp, Esq., High Sheriff of Lancaster, to the Lords of the Treasury. A commission to try the rebels in Lancashire on 11th of January, at Liverpool, having been issued, a great number of jurors were immediately summoned, and other preparations were made, as well as gaols prepared for the prisoners. The sheriffs, under-sheriffs, &c. attended for near five weeks, and since caused 34 of the rebels to be executed at several places in the county. Asks payment of the account of the expenses thereof.

Minuted:—"20th August 1716. M^{r} Cracherode to examine this bill and make a report to their Lordships." 1 *page.*

23 Aug. 12. Com^{rs} of Excise (Scotland) to the Lords [of the Treasury]. Soon after the receipt of their last commission sent a letter to all their collectors of duties upon houses, requiring them to send copies of their assessments, and to wait upon the justices at the next General Quarter Sessions to enquire whether the assessments were duly returned by the assessors. Are informed that the justices have not met and appointed assessors yearly as required by law. Warrants for the appointment of surveyors of the above duties have not been renewed since the demise of her Majesty. Propose that new warrants may be sent down for the persons named. Most of the maltsters in Scotland continue to deny the officers entrance into their malthouses, and all refuse payment of their duty. All the justices of peace throughout Scotland refuse to hear any informations laid before them on account of the malt duty. In several shires they refuse to meet and act on account of the Excise or any

other the new duties, some alleging there are no new commissions of the peace empowering them to act, which is a very great loss to the Revenue. Many frauds are committed by the persons chargeable with the duty, and many of them die and others break, without leaving sufficient effects to satisfy their arrears. Excise Office, Edinburgh, 23 Aug. 1716. 2 *pages.*

[? About 24 Aug.] 13. Memorial of Samuel Edwin, Esq., Usher of the Exchequer, to the Lords of the Treasury, laying before them "the circumstances of his affairs," relating more particularly to his right to serve the office of Usher, and to the "ancient established prizes of his office." To this place has ever belonged the right of furnishing the respective offices of the Exchequer with all necessaries, as appears by an extract from the Black Book written in the reign of Henry the Second. His right to serve the Lottery Offices is called in question. Hopes their Lordships will not deprive him of that right which he and his predecessors have ever enjoyed.

Minuted:—"Lect. 24 Aug. 1716."

In the *Minute Book,* Vol. 21, p. 22, 24 Aug. 1716, is:—"My Lords, on hearing Mr Edwyn, and reading the several reports, warrants, and papers now before them relating to his *Liberate* and the several Lottery Offices which were discharged therefrom, their Lordships do order that the said warrant discharging the said offices be superseded, and that the auditors do rate the *Liberates* as usual, not only for those Lottery Offices heretofore discharged, but also for all other the offices now served by the Usher of the Receipt, and upon their being signed and allowed by the Chancellor, in manner accustomed, to draw orders for paying of the amount of the said *Liberates* termly or quarterly as they used to be, and the Auditor is to cause an account to be stated of the particular species and the value delivered to every office within the respective times of each *Liberate* so unpaid, that their Lordships may consider how to restrain the deliverys for the future to such quantitys as are absolutely necessary."

Also copy of a report of the Lottery Commissioners in corroboration of the memorial. 4 *pages.*

[? About 26 Aug.] 14. Abstract of the cases of Col. Thomas Maccarty and Captain Matthew Coudall, from the reports of Mr Gwyn, when Secretary-at-War, and Mr Pulteney, as also from their examinations before a Committee of Council, 16th Decr 1713. Mr Gwyn reported that the pretensions of the former were to 277*l.* 15*s.* as due to him, and 50*l.* already received. Mr Pulteney is of opinion that he had made them out, and that they were an equivalent for the post he quitted in the French service. Captain Coudall was a Protestant, who also quitted the French service. 123*l.* were due to him, besides the 36*l.* already paid to him.

Minuted:—"26 Augt 1716. 100li a p̃s in full of their pretencõns." 2 *pages.*

Aug. 27. 15. P. Methuen to the Lds of the Treasury. Sends the memorial of Captain Walter Lockhart. His Royal Highness's pleasure was that they report upon it. Whitehall, 27 Aug. 1716.

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The memorial named. Capt. Walter Lockhart, was Intendant of Invalides in North Britain. Before the Revolution, was imprisoned, fined, and obliged to leave Scotland and live abroad several years, part whereof he carried arms under the Duke of "Brandyburg." Joined the Prince of Orange on his landing in England in 1688, and returning to Scotland, at his own expense levied a troop of dragoons and subsisted the same for several months. King William bestowed on him the office of Intendant of Invalides, memorialist having given a considerable sum to Col. Wisehart to retire. The commission was renewed by Queen Anne. On the Union, the office was left out of the Military List, but the Queen being inclined that no private person should lose by the Union (which was designed for the general happiness of the two kingdoms), placed this and other military offices on the contingent list, and the Captain received his pay from thence to 22 Dec. 1710, since which he received no pay though he exercised the office. Prays payment of what is due, and for the renewal of the Commission.

"In Sir James Stewart's. Aug. 16, 1716." 3 *pages.*

Aug. 27. 16. P. Methuen to the Lds of the Treasury. Is commanded to transmit the enclosed papers from Ireland, by which their Lordships will see how well the merchants have performed their contract for the transportation of the rebels. Whitehall, 27 Aug. 1716.

Minuted:—" 12th September 1716. Read."

Two enclosures, being (1) a letter from John Forster to Mr Delafaye, sending copy of "the examination," so that Lord Gallway may send them to one of the Secretaries in England, to let them see how the masters of ships intrusted with the transportation of the rebels impose on the Government by bringing them on shore and suffering them to escape. Yesterday, while he was in court, the Sheriff of Cork found in a tavern in Cork three of the rebels, viz.:—Alexander Murray, senr and junr, Mr Peter Chambers, of Edinburgh, with Samuel Wallis, master of the ship called the "Anne," of Liverpool, which came yesterday into the port of Cork. These prisoners talk very impudently and treasonably, and would do mischief on shore, and therefore he ordered the Sheriff of Cork to take them on board. Is informed that another cargo of these rebels put in at Waterford, and met with great encouragement there. All the officers of the southern ports should be ordered to have a watchful eye on these ships. Has issued warrants to apprehend the persons named in the enclosed advertisement. The militia in this county and city are in good order, and the body of the Protestants are most zealously affected to the King.

(2.) The examination of Thomas Cole, surveyor of Cove, in the port of Cork, taken before the Right Hon. John Forster, Esq., one of the Judges of Assize for the province of Munster. The surveyor deposes as to various circumstances touching the arrival at the above Cove on board a ship of 118 rebels taken at Preston and bound for Virginia. Also as to the escape of certain of them. One who arrived was said to be a young Scotch gentleman in scarlet clothes trimmed with gold, and worth 7 or 800 a year. Details the

1716 measures taken to recapture those who escaped. The surveyor says their escape was connived at by some of the officers of the ship. 10 Aug. 1716. 6 *pages.*

27 Aug. 17. Report of the principal officers of the Mint to the Lords of Treasury, upon the bills of Mr John Roos, his Majesty's late [chief] engraver of public seals. Have examined the prices and rates and find them to be the same with those allowed to him in her late Majesty's reign and with those paid to his predecessor, Mr Harris, and to Mr. East, engraver to his Majesty King James. The work is good, and he deserves the prices set down. Mint Office, 27 Aug. 1716.

Minuted :—" 30th July 1717. Ordered, except the charge of the great and privy seal for Ireland, which my Lords think proper to be paid by the Kingdom of Ireland."

His bill referred to, which is as follows :—

	li.	s.	d.
" For the Great Seale of Great Brittaine, engraven on one side with his Majesties effigies, represented sitting in his royall robes, crowned, and inthroned, with his septre and globe. On each side stand two figures, the one representing Great Brittaine, and the other Justice, and on the outside of them being a lyon and an unicorne, the one holding the royall standard with his Majesties armes, and the other holding the Union banner ; the cannopy or top of the throne being adorned with roses and thistles, on which two angells lie supporting his Majestie's arms, with garter and imperiall crowne, and in the circumference this inscription : ' GORGIUS DEI GRATIA MAGNÆ BRITANNIÆ FRANCIÆ ET HIBERNIÆ REX FIDEI DEFEN.,' surrounded with a lawrell. And on the other side his Majesties effigies on horsback, represented in armour, with his sword drawn in his hand, and in a prospect, the city of London with this inscription in the circumference : ' BRUNSWICEN ET LVNEBVRGEN DUX SACRI ROMANI IMPERII ARCHI. THESAVRARIUS ET PRINCEPS ELECT,' &c., surrounded with a lawrell - - - - - -	200	00	00
" For the sillver weighing 117 oz. 10 wts. 0 grs., att 5*s.* 2*d.* per ounce - - - -	030	01	01
" For two large signetts in steel, for the Secretaries of State, engraven with his Majesties royall armes, garter, supporters, helmet, mantle, crowne, crest and motto, with this inscription in the circumference, ' GEORGIVS DEI GRA. MAG. BRITANNIÆ FRAN. ET HIBER. REX FIDEI DEFENSOR,' &c. - - - - - -	060	00	00

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	li.	s.	d.
" For two shagriene cases to keep the said seales in	001	05	00
" For six signetts in steel for the Secretaries of State, engraven with his Majesties royall armes, garter, and crowne, with this inscription in the circumference: 'GEORGIVS DEI G. MAG. BRIT. FRAN. ET HIBER. REX FID DEF.,' &c.	072	00	00
" For six shagriene cases to keep the said seales in	002	10	00
" For six smaller steel seales for the Secretaries of State, engraven with his Majesties royall armes, garter, and crowne	018	00	00
" For the privie seale of Great Brittaine, engraven with his Majesties royal armes, garter, and crowne, with two lyons supporters, each of them houlding a fether with this inscription in the circumference: 'GEORGEUS DEI GRATIA MAGNÆ BRITANNIÆ FRAN. ET HIBERN. REX FID. DEF.,' &c.	020	00	00
" For the sillver weighing 25 oz. 16 wt. 0 grs. at 5*s.* 2*d.* per ounce	006	13	03½
" For a shaggriene case to keep the said seale in	001	05	00
" For the grate seale of Ireland, engraven on one side with his Majesties effigies represented sitting in his royall robes, crowned and inthroned, with his scepter and globe; on each side stand two figures, the one representing Brittannia and the other Justice, and on the outside of them being a lyon and an unicorn, the one holding the Royall Standard with his Majesties armes, and the other holding the Union banner, the canopy or top of the Throne being adorned with roses and harps, &c., on which two angells lie supporting his Majestie's royall armes with garter and imperiall crowne, and on each side the cannopy is placed a harp and royall crowne, and in the circumference this inscription: 'GEORGIUS DEI GRATIA MAGNÆ BRITANNIÆ FRANCÆ ET HIBERNIÆ REX FIDEI DEFEN.,' surrounded with a lawrell. And on the other side his Majesties effigies on horseback represented in armour with his sword drawn in his hand, with a harp and an imperiall crowne placed behind him, and in a prospect the city of Dublin, with this inscription in the circumference: 'BRUNSWICHEN ET LVNEBVRGEN DVX SACRI ROMANI IMPERII ARCHI. THESAVRARIUS ET PRINCEPS ELECT,' &c. with a lawrell	200	00	00
" For the silver weighing 104 oz. 06 wt. 0 gr, at 5*s.* 2*d.* per ounce	026	18	10

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	li.	s.	d.
“For a large double seale for his Majestie’s Court of Exchequer, engraven on one side with his Majestie’s effigies in his royal robes, inthroned, &c., as in the great seale with this inscription in the circumference: ‘GEORGIVS DEI GRATIA MAGNÆ BRITANNIÆ FRANCÆ ET HIBERNIÆ REX FIDEI DEFEN.,’ and on the other side his Majestie’s armes royall, with a garter with an imperiall crowne over, supported with an antelope and a stagg, with this motto in an escroule, ‘SIGILL SCACCARII DOM REGIS,’ with this inscription in the circumference: ‘BRVNSWICEN ET LVNEBVRGEN DVX SAC. ROM. IMP. ARCHI. THESAV. ET PRINCEPS ELECTOR,’ &c. - - -	060	00	00
“For the sillver weighing 37 oz. 17 wt. 0 gr. at 5*s.* 2*d.* per ounce - - - -	009	15	00½
“For the privy seale for Ireland, engraven with a harp and an imperiall crowne over it, with this inscription in the circumference: ‘GEORGIVS D.G. MAG. BRIT. FR. ET HIBERNIÆ REX FID. DEF.,’ &c. and for the sillver, being a Veriall, weighing about 10 oz. 00 wt. 0 gr., with a large Ivery handle - - - - -	010	00	00
“For a large double judiciall seale for the countys of Denbigh, Montgomery, and Flint, engraven on one side with his Majesties effigies in armour on horsback, with a landskip under, and a plume of fethers, with the motto ‘ICH DIEN’ in an escroule placed behinde, and this inscription in the circumference: ‘GEORGIVS DEI GRATIA MAG. BRITANNIÆ FRANCIÆ ET HIBERNIÆ REX FIDEI DEF.,’ &c. And on the other side his Majestie’s royall armes in a compartment shield, with an imperiall crowne over, and a plume of fethers in a Prince’s crowne, with the motto ‘ICH DIEN’ in an escroule under, supported with a lyon crowned, and an antelope with a crowne about his neck and chained, with this inscription in the circumference: ‘SIGILLUM JVDICIALE PRO COMITATIBUS DENBIGII, MONTGOMERI ET FLINT,’ 1715 - - - - - -	060	00	00
“For the sillver weighing 34 oz. 01 wt. 0 gr. at 5*s.* 2*d.* per ounce - - -	008	15	11
“For a shagriene case to keep the said seal in -	001	05	00
4 *pages.*	788	15	03½”

28 Aug. 18. Report of the Solicitor-General (Aland), to the Lords of the Treasury, on the letter of the Com^rs of Forfeited Estates, as to fees demanded by the officers of the Exchequer on moneys imprested to

carry on the service of the Commission. Is of opinion that by the Act all the moneys arising from the forfeited estates should go to the public, save as to the salaries of the Com^{rs} and inferior officers, the incident charges, &c. "But there are no express words in that Act w^{ch} take away the fees of the officers of the Exchequer in any case." 28 August 1716.

Minuted :—"29 Aug^{t} 1716. Send a copy to the Aud^{r}."
The letter referred to. 2 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

31 Aug. 19. P. Methuen to the Lords of the Treasury. Sends two papers of intelligence relating to two ships lying at Rochelle, and laden with arms for North Britain, that they may give orders to the officers of the several ports for searching and seizing the same. Whitehall, 31 Aug. 1716.

The papers referred to.

Minuted :—"3^{d} Sep^{r} letters writ to Com^{rs} Customes here & in Scotland with copies of the papers to seize the shipps & armes if they come into port." 3 *pages.*

3 Sept. 20. Lord Galway to the Lords of the Treasury. Sends a representation of the Com^{rs} for settling the poor Palatines in Ireland, and praying that the bounty of 624*l.*, now granted till 28 March 1719, may be continued for some years beyond that time. Is of opinion that considering the use these poor people are towards improving the manufactures and strengthening the Protestant interest in Ireland, it will be a charity very beneficial to the public, and very well applied. Dublin Castle, 3 Sept. 1716.

In the representation of the Com^{rs} they say that there are now 200 of the old families (exclusive of the young ones, who daily increase) who are well settled on farms in the country, have taken leases thereof, and employ themselves with all possible industry in raising flax and hemp and other husbandry. A few tradesmen are settled in Dublin. 4 *pages.*

3 Sept. 21. Report of Edward Young to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of the Earl of Rochester. The premises in Richmond Park are very much out of repair. The great lodge is so ruinous that it should be new built, and made less, the wall round the park ought to be forthwith repaired, &c. Estimates the work at 840*l.*, without timber. The park wall is about nine miles in length. 3 Sept. 1716.

Minuted :—"11th Sep^{t} 1716. Agreed forthwth to	£
repair y^{e} wall - - - -	220
Repairing Aldrich's lodge - - -	40
Repairing pond head - - -	20
Drayns to be cleansed - - -	100
Out of dotards. - - - -	380"

Also the memorial. 3 *pages.*

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[? About 5 Sept.] 22. Answers to the report sent to the Lords of the Treasury from the Board of Customs in Scotland, containing their reasons for dismissing Mr Weemys, Collector at Anstruther.

The answers are paragraph by paragraph. In the first he was ordered, in apprehension of the Rebellion, to transmit his balance, which he neglected to do. 2nd. He took merchants' notes instead of ready money for the duties, and by his want of circumspection 4,000*l.* was carried off by the rebels when they were at Enster, &c.

Minuted:—"Read 5 7br. 1716."

Also the copy of the report referred to. 6 *pages.*

7 Sept. 23. Memorial of John Lansdell to the Lords of the Treasury. Incloses an account of the bank annuities received from John Aislabie, Esq., of what has been since paid away, and of how much remains in the hands of the treasurer, being 22,760*l.*; 13,500*l.*, part thereof, is reserved to pay for saltpetre to the East India Company, and there is a debt of above 10,000*l.* to the artificers at Midsummer last for iron ordnance. Asks for their Lps' warrant to transfer the remaining sum of 9,210*l.* towards payment of the debt. "Treasury Office of Ordnance, Sept. 7, 1716."

The account named. 2 *pages.*

[? About 13 Sept.] 24. Petition of George Mackenzie to the Prince of Wales. Served the late Queen as her Secretary in Poland for several years [viz., from 1711—May 1714], for which his expenses were not paid. Lays his case before his Royal Highness for relief.

The case referred to. By particular orders he undertook several journeys upon important affairs in Poland and in Germany, and likewise was sent by the late Queen's express command upon a journey relating to the Electoral Prince of Saxony into Italy. In his journey in Italy lost everything in his passage of the Serio River. Came over to England by order of the Secretary of State in 1713, and remained till the May following, expecting every day to be re-dispatched, and was keeping servants in Dresden and the Hague in pay all that time. When at the Court of Poland, by particular orders of the Secretaries of State, spared no expense for intelligence "at a juncture when the same was thought so needful as that of the northern war, and our armies in Flanders, and the peace not yet made." His claim is altogether 1,791*l.*

Minuted:—"13th Sepr 1716. To be brought in on Monday."

Again:—"17th Septr 1716. My Lords, upon reading this demand & a warrt signed by the Queen, and countersigned by the Earl of Oxford in full satisfaction of his expence & disbursements are pleas'd to answer that this matter, having been determined in the Queen's time, they cannot create a new debt upon the Queen's arrears, to the prejudice of her servants & tradesmen. Vide *Min. Book* of the above date." 1½ *pages.*

[The above is also entered in the *Minute Book*, Vol. 21, p. 31.]

15 Sept. 25. A state of all accounts undeclared within the division of Auditor Jett.

Signed:—"Tho. Jett, auditor, Sepr 15th 1716." There are orders to prosecute against many of the accountants if they did not clear their accounts. 18¼ *pages.*

15 Sept. 26. George Allanson to the Rt Hon. Robt Walpole. Encloses a letter from a man who had lived with a rebel for five years, but whom he thinks to be of honest principles. Bristol, 15 Sept. 1716.

The letter referred to of John James. Sends what he knows relating to the silver mine in North Britain. In the year 1711 was servant to Sir John "Arskins," near Alva, who often told him he had a mine in the side of a hill near his house, in which there was a sort of ore that would produce metal of value if a person of judgment made the trial. Details the efforts made to obtain the metal until they found that which answered their highest expectations, and the ore was so rich, that from one pound weight could be made the value of 4*s.* and 4*d.* and upwards. Continued the work with so great success and secrecy that the servants belonging to the same family never knew what they were about. Several hundred pounds' value were refined in a very short time. The ore was dug by three or four of Sir John's poor tenants that did not know what it was. In a short time after the work was begun, Sir John went to the Pretender, and never came to his family afterwards. And to secure all the plate then made from the King's troops, his lady ordered it to be hidden under the boards in an upper floor, and all the ore that was then dug was put into casks and hidden in the earth, to the value of many thousands of pounds, but neither Mr. Hamilton nor himself were ever trusted in that affair, although they both knew the place full well. The mine which was dug was 4, 5, and in some places 6 inches thick, and certainly is of many millions value; but he discovered one in another mountain of about 12 inches, and is almost confident that no other person in the world besides himself knows anything of it. Is ready and willing to discover the same at the first opportunity to the Crown. Has brought a sample of the ore.

Minuted:—"17th Sepr. Write to Mr Alanson to direct Mr James to come up." 2½ *pages.*

16 Sept. 27. Wm Robinson to ———. Incloses the case of the Vicar of Topclif, being desired by the best inhabitants to transmit the case to the Lords of the Treasury, hoping they will give directions to the Receiver "to pay the exhibition of fine pd yearly to ye vicar," who always received it till of late years. Cannot imagine how the schoolmaster gained a pretension, for he never officiates nor assists the vicar, who is a worthy, honest man, whilst the schoolmaster is an idle, drunken fellow. Newby, 16 Sept. 1716.

Minuted:—"Sent to Mr Jet." 1½ *pages.*

17 Sept. 28. "The case of Alberto Croce, a Genoese merchant, living in Common Garden parish, presented by Mr Viceti, secretary of the most serene republic of Genoa." Is taxed by the Comrs for the Land Tax as an English Roman Catholic, notwithstanding he is

unnaturalised, and not so much as a free denizen, and pays Customs as an alien and foreign merchant. Desires to be excused from paying double taxes.

Minuted:—"17th Septr 1716. My Lords cannot do anything in this." ½ *page*.

18 Sept. 29. "An account of the sums contributed by the Rt Hon. John Aislabie, Esqr, Treasurer of his Mat's Navy, for the purchase of annuities after the rate of 5li ℘ cent. ℘ annum, how much thereof hath been transferr'd by him, and to whom; as also the dividends he is to be charged with for the use of the public, whilst the said annuities remained in his name." 18 September 1716.

Minuted:—"Read 19th Septr 1716." 1 *page*.

20 Sept. 30. Order of Council on a report of the Lords of Trade and Plantations, made on the petition of Col. William Partridge, which sets out that there is a tract of land between the rivers Kennebeck and Pemaquid, to the eastward of New England, in America, belonging to the petitioner solely; as also another tract contiguous to it, belonging jointly to the petitioner and Christopher Toppan, by virtue of purchases from the Indians in 1661, 1662, and 1674, as appears by the abstracts of the original Indian deeds annexed; which lands they possessed till they were driven away, and their settlements destroyed by the Indians in the late wars, since which the lands have laid waste and unimproved. If his Majesty will confirm their titles by grant under the great seal, they will re-settle the lands without charge to the Crown. The Comrs report that the petitioner proposes to build three towns, to consist of at least 40 families each, at the first settlement, the first town to be completed and settled in two years from 1 May 1717, the second in two years after that, and the third in two years more, provided there be no war with the French or Indians. These lands are in a very good climate, the soil is fertile and capable of producing hemp. There are plenty of trees fit for masts and other naval stores, with navigable rivers and good harbours; as also a good fishery on the coast, and in a little time such settlement may turn to the advantage of this kingdom, in furnishing naval stores and otherways in return for our woollen and other manufactures. It will, besides, be a great security to his Majesty's northern provinces in strengthening their frontiers by such a number of people, and therefore they think that the petitioner should be gratified. These purchases from the Indians were in possession 30 years before the grant of 7 Oct. 1691 to the inhabitants of the province of Massachusetts Bay, and the Comrs conceive that that charter will not be an impediment to the confirmation of these titles. If the grant passes, they suggest certain clauses as regards pine trees, &c. The Order in Council approves of the confirmation. The Lords of the Treasury to consider of clauses reserving a proper quit-rent, &c. Hampton Court, 20 Sept. 1716.

Minuted:—"6th August 1717. Read. A copie of the grant of Massachusets bay to be produced."

Also "Abstract of Indian Deeds. &c." 8½ *pages*.

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24 Sept. 31. England.—Account of the salaries and incident charges of the Commissioners of Enquiry [as to forfeited estates] and their officers from the 24th of June to the 24th of September 1716. 2 *pages.*

[? About 24 Sept.] 32. Petition of Andrew Reynaud to the Lords of the Treasury. As to frauds committed by the Directors of the Royal Lutestring Company at the Custom House.

Minuted:—"24th September 1716. Read and rejected."

Also accusations exhibited by him against several belonging to the same company. 2 *pages.*

[? About 26 Sept.] 33. Copies of various papers relating to the claims of John Blackwell, Constable of the Ward of Cheap, in the City of London, for suppressing mobs since the King's Accession. In his "Information" he says he had certain intelligence on the 29th of May 1715 that there was a design laid to raise three mobs in the City of London that night, one in Cheapside, one in Whitechapel, and another in Smithfield; that the mob in Cheapside was to join that in Whitechapel, and both come back and join that in Smithfield, and there to proclaim the Pretender, and that then persons of distinction were to appear at the head of them to direct what they should further do, viz., to seize on the Bank of England, or set it on fire, to assassinate and murder such magistrates of the city as had appeared zealous for King George, or to set their houses on fire; particularly the Rt Hon. Sir William Humphries, Knt, Lord Mayor, Sir Gilbert Heathcote, and Sir Charles Peers; further to raise mobs elsewhere in order for a general insurrection, and to pave the way for open rebellion. The informant took measures to prevent the junction of the mob in Cheapside with that in Whitechapel, and arrested 28 of them and lodged them in the Poultry Counter.

Minuted:—"26th Septr 1716. To be further considered."

One of the papers is a list of persons ready to take up arms in the King's defence in case the Pretender invades his Majesty's dominions. 6 *pages.*

27 Sept. 34. Report of the Attorney and Solicitor-General to the Lords of the Treasury, on the letter of the Comrs for Forfeitures, now at Preston, wherein they represent that in a former letter they had signified the necessity of appointing some persons with proper powers, to let and set untenanted estates, and that they found it requisite to make a further representation of the state and condition of the forfeited estates, and of estates settled to superstitious uses; and to apprise their Lordships that several houses, demesnes, and parks, which did belong to the convicted rebels and others given to superstitious uses (now vested in his Majesty) are still detained and possessed by their relations or servants; and that some estates are let by parole at an under rent, or to Popish tenants, neither able nor willing to answer the rents to the Crown. All which estates they are of opinion should be entered on and otherwise disposed of. And they thereby likewise inform their Lordships that there are several coal mines, lead mines, and slate pits which might be set out to be worked, and that if some speedy care be not taken the mesne profits will be lost, or much lessened, and the estates will very much impair in their yearly value, and that

they, being only Com^{rs} of Enquiry, conceive they have not any power by the Act to remedy such inconveniences, and that some officer should be appointed for that purpose. They likewise represent that they are informed by M^{r} Gough, their surveyor for Ireland, that Dunmore Park, the Duke's Meadow, the Gardens of Kilkenny, and a mill, the estates of the late Duke of Ormonde in Ireland worth about 500*l.* per ann., are untenanted, and they recommend M^{r} Gough to be employed for setting the same. Certify that they have considered the Act. It vests the forfeited estates in his Majesty, who has the real possession for the use of the public, &c. To avoid inquisitions and litigation in the Court of Exchequer the Com^{rs} were appointed, and they are before the 24th of June 1717 to receive claims of persons to the same, &c. And the Com^{rs} are empowered to enquire of all real and personal estates and interests so given to superstitious uses, &c.

The Com^{rs} are right in their observation that they are only Com^{rs} of Enquiry, and have not any power to let any of the forfeited estates, or to receive the rents thereof, except as to the goods and chattels of forfeiting persons, which they are empowered to sell. It will not be proper for their L^{ps} to appoint any persons as proposed to let or set the untenanted forfeited estates, but when the Com^{rs} have certified, it may be proper for their L^{ps} to name some one to take the profits. As for the houses given to superstitious uses, they cannot be entered upon without proceedings in the Exchequer, but their L^{ps} may permit the lead mines, &c. to be worked. On the whole matter further direction of Parliament should be obtained. 27 Sept. 1716.

Minuted:—"Send this report to the Com^{rs} for Forfeited Estates, and desire them to execute the trusts reposed in them by Act of Parl^{t}." *Again:*—"Lr̃e signd 28th Sept^{r} 1716."

The letter of the Com^{rs} referred to. 8½ *pages.*

28 Sept. 35. Report of the Attorney-General (Northey) to the Lords of the Treasury, on the state of the prosecutions ordered against the Auditors of Imprests for taking illegal fees. When ordered to exhibit an information in the Court of King's Bench against the Auditors of the Imprests, for extorting fees and other abuses in their office, directed M^{r} Cracherode to inquire what materials there were, whereon to found such a prosecution; who laid before him the copy of petition to the House of Commons by Joseph Quilter, John Ellison, John Key, and Andrew Verger, for themselves and a great number of other persons concerned in the several lotteries, stating that notwithstanding the Act forbad the officers of the Exchequer to receive fees, yet the petitioners had been obliged to pay fees to them before they could receive what was due. John Quilter, being empowered by one Robert Smithberd to receive 6*s.* on a 10*l.* lottery order, was obliged to pay 3*s.* 3½*d.* The others also had to submit to the same kind of exactions. Relates other proceedings which he (the Attorney-General) took. Directed M^{r} Crachrode to send to the three persons who had made affidavits to produce the original papers, whereby to settle the information, but he

could not get them from Key and Quilter. Is of opinion that there is not sufficient to ground an information upon. Sept. 28, 1716.

Minuted:—"27th Septr 1716. Read. My Lords advise wth Mr Attorney and Sollr, desiring them to give order to Mr Crachrode for carrying on this prosecucõn in the most effectual manner, and that he use all faire indeavrs that the evidence wanting may be obteyned, and to considr of all circumstances wch may conduce to ye successe thereof." 6½ *pages.*

29 Sept. 36. "Accot of the income of such part of the revenues of Scotland as are called the Civil List Revenues, from his Majt's accession to the Throne to Michas. 1716."

"Accot of the expence of the Civil List of Scotland" for the same time.

"Accot of the income of such part of the revenues of Scotland as are called the Civil List Revenues (exclusive of drawback and charges of managemt), for the same time.

With rough draft of some other revenue matters. 7 *pages.*

19 March–29 Sept. 37. Three representations of Anthony Nicholl, Esq., receiver and paymaster of the money arising by the sale of tin, to the Lords of the Treasury, more particularly as to the affairs of Mr Balhatchett, the present agent, who succeeded Mr Quick in the county of Devon. Showing what tin has been coined, how much has been sold, to whom, and for how much, in whose hands the money is, and what quantity of tin remains unsold.

The last finishes thus:—"The longer the prosecution of him [Mr Balhatchett] is delaied, the greater hazard the Governmt will run of losing the money he has recẽd since at this tyme. I am credibly informed he has estate and effects suffict to answr the money by him recẽd without any other persons suffering by his mismanagemt. Wherefore I humbly pray yor Lopps' directions for my future conduct in this affair. Penrose, 7ber 29th, 1716."

The other papers are dated March 19 and May 5, 1716. 7½ *pages.*

29 Sept. 38. Report of Wm. Pulteney to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of Sir James Campbell, Lieut.-Governor of Stirling Castle, praying for directions to dispose of 300 bolls of oatmeal, which, by the Duke of Argyle's orders, he took up for the use of the garrison. The meal was provided at the time of the Rebellion to supply any of the troops who might be obliged to move that way, but was not used. Advises the appraisement and return of it to the seller, &c. Whitehall, 29 Sept. 1716. 1½ *pages.*

[? About 2 Oct.] 39. Memorial of John, Earl of Dunmore, to the Lords of the Treasury. Asks that directions may be given to the Master of the Works to lay an estimate before them for converting some empty houses in the Savoy into barracks, and that a house referred to may be appointed for the commanding officer.

Minuted:—"2d October 1716. Read. Ref. to Survr-Genll."

Encloses a note referring the same to Hugh Cholmeley, Esq., Surveyor-General. 1¼ *pages.*

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1716. 3 Oct. 40. Report of Col. Wm. Rhett to the Com^{rs} of Customs. The nature of his wound prevents him waiting on them, but sends an account of the late insults done to his Majesty's officers in South Carolina. The late barbarous war gave the Deputy Governor Daniell a "pretence to issue commissions by sea as if against them," but then he knew that commissions "expressing Indians 500 miles up in the mountains would alone be too great an absurdity," he therefore added a clause to seize all pirates that infested the coasts, of whom no complaints had been made, nor did any pirates appear. The easiness of attacking the Spaniards, as well as others equally defenceless, were the true reasons of giving out any commissions at all. [Gives some account of piratical proceedings (prior to the granting commissions), in which Matthew Mussen, of Jamaica, and Quelch were concerned]. Mussen gave out, at Providence, the favourable usage he had received from the Deputy Governor, who was at the same time Judge of the Admiralty, as well as Governor of the place. His conduct so much alarmed everybody, that the best and most considerable inhabitants signed a letter and sent it to Capt. Howard, of H.M. ship "Shoream," desiring him to continue with them to deter the pirates. [Relates other proceedings of Mussen, and the Deputy Governor.] Brentwood in Essex, 3 Oct. 1716. 6 *pages.* [*See also* Vol. CCI., 5.]

[? About 13 Oct.] 41. Petition of Daniel Arthur, merchant, to the Lords of the Treasury. Many of the people of quality who have gone from England to Paris have made use of petitioner's correspondent there, for return of their money, by taking up the same from him and giving their bills on their friends in England, particularly the Duke of Shrewsbury and Matthew Prior, Esq. Prays for immediate payment of 2,000*l.* and interest, thus advanced to M^{r} Prior for her late Majesty's service.

Encloses copy of letter from the Duke and a letter from M. Prior, dated 13 Oct. 1716, and an extract from one from M^{r} Stanhope in corroboration. 4½ *pages.*

17 Oct. 42. An account of cash, &c. received, and payments made by John Hill, Receiver and Paymaster for Transport Service from the 7th of September 1715 to 29th September 1716. Certified 17 Oct. 1716. 2 *large pages.*

23 Oct. 43. Affidavit of Edward Rathbon, of Liverpool, mariner, who deposed that he received on board his ship at Liverpool on 26 April then last past, 47 rebel prisoners, to be transported to the Plantations, and that he transported 45 of them to Montserrat in the month of June, and that the other two died on the passage. 23 Oct. 1716. 1 *page.*

Certificate of the "President" of Mountserrat in corroboration. 2 *pages.*

May–Oct. 44. Papers touching Custom House fees, including an order for setting up tables of fees where such are legally due. Three of them relate to the fees at the Custom House at Exeter. Between May and October 1716, 6 *pages.*

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3 Nov. 1. W. Drummond to ———. Received his letter and a copy of his Highness's instructions to Doctor Brandshagen and his assistant, James Hamilton, about the survey and trial of the Sir John Erskine's mine. The Doctor arrived about a fortnight ago, and has since been frequently with Lord Lauderdale and the writer, and has been preparing necessary materials for executing his instructions. Every thing is in readiness. Sir John Erskine has arrived, and offers immediately to go and show where the mine is, and Lord Lauderdale and himself are ready to set out. But the Doctor wants money. M^{r} Haldane of Gleaneges, by whom he expected to be supplied, has no orders to furnish the same. As the Doctor was absolutely in want, the writer advanced him 16*l.* Edinburgh, 3 Nov. 1716.

Minuted :—"12 Nov. 1716. To S^{r} Isaac Newton to be here to-morr. morn."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. 21, p. 43, 14 Nov. 1716, is :—"Sir Isaac Newton to write to Dr. Brandshagen and the two Hamiltons (persons sent to inquire into the mine in Scotland in the estate of Sir John Areskine) to draw a bill upon Dr. Fauquiere for 100^{li} for their joynt subsistence, and he is likewise to prepare further instructions for them to be layd before their Lordships." 2 *pages.*

6 Nov. 2. "A relation of the several branches of the publique revenues, in which the Governor and Company of the Bank of England have an interest, shewing what those revenues are, how much they severally produce yearly in clear money, what annuitys or other annual incumbrance are charged thereupon respectively for the Bank or others, and how they are severally redeemable. With proposicõns for raysing more money thereupon towards the King's supply.

"A relation of the several branches of publique revenues, in which the Governor and Company trading to the South Seas have an interest, what those revenues are, how much they yearly produce in neat money by a medium of three years, ended at Micħas 1716, what incumbrances are charged thereupon for the fond of the said Company and otherwise, and how the fond of the South Sea Company is redeemable, with proposicõns for raysing more money thereupon towards the King's supply."

A similar "relation of the several branches of publique revenues, wherein the United Company of Merchants of England, trading to the East Indies, have an interest, &c."

"An abstract of the Acts passed for the several lotterys now in being, shewing when they passed, what particular branches of revenue are thereby respectively appropriated, for what terms of years those grants were made, how much those particular branches do severally produce ꝑ annũ, how farr they were loaded at first to the respective adventurers, how farr those incumbrances are now

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paid off, what remaynes thereupon, with proposicõns of what may properly be done at present concerning the same or any of them."

"An abstract of loans made at the Excheq^{r} remayning unsatisfied, and the sumẽs due thereupon on 6th Nov. 1716, with the ratesof interest."

Docqueted:—"6 Nov^{r} 1716. States of y^{e} fonds of the Bank and of the South Sea Company, and of the East India Company and of the seaven lottery fonds, and of unsatisfied loans at the Exchequer, with proposicõns and opinions concerning the same respectively." 25 *pages*.

[? About 8 Nov.] 3. Memorial of Anthony Cracherode to the Lords of the Treasury. Since their L^{ps}' adjournment has expended 300*l*. of his own to carry on the public business. Several of the officers who have attended the special Commissions in Middlesex and Surrey are still unpaid, as are also the counsel and officers that attended that service at Preston in Sept. and Oct. last. Five of the judges and four of H.M. counsel, and three other counsel from Scotland, who are to be maintained at his Majesty's charge, are preparing to set out with their officers and attendants to execute the special Commissions of Oyer and Terminer and gaol deliveries at Carlisle, and expect some part of their pay before they set out. Prays an order for 3,000*l*.

Minuted:—"8 Nov^{r} 1716. A w^{t} to be prepared." 1 *page*.

9 Nov. 4. Report of Hugh Cholmley, Surveyor General, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Anthony Nott, who prays to have a lease of seven houses in the Savoy, five whereof front the Strand and two the Savoy churchyard. When the same are all in repair they may be worth 150*l*. per ann. Is of opinion that a fine of 300*l*. may be a valuable consideration for granting a building lease thereof to the petitioner for 50 years, under a rent of 50*l*. per ann., which is a full third part of the yearly value. 9 Nov. 1716.

Minuted:—"11 July 1717. Approved."

The petition and warrant for a particular to be sent to the Auditor in order to the grant of the new lease. 3 *pages*.

[? About 10 Nov.] 5. Several papers docqueted thus:—"These papers relate to the dispute between Coll. Rhet and Coll. Daniell, in Carolina."

Minuted:—"10 Nov. 1716. Extract w^{t} is materiall to be layd before my Lords." [*See also* Vol. CC., 40.]

The papers relate to the proceedings of Col. Rhet, Surveyor and Controller of Customs in South Carolina, who complains that he was thwarted in his duty by Robert Daniel, Esq., the Deputy Governor of South Carolina, in allowing Matthew Mussen and his ship's company, who had taken by force from Benjamin Quelch goods of 1,500*l*. value, to depart from the port of Charlstown without any clearance from the officers of Customs. Several of the papers are depositions of persons who were present when Col. Rhet was fired on, and received a dangerous wound on the occasion of a seizure of the goods being made.

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13 Nov. 6. P. Methuen to ———. Sends the receipt of the Modena Envoy's secretary for 100*l.* paid to him to purchase a set of *Rymer's Fœdera* for the Duke of Modena, according to his Majesty's promise 13 Nov. 1716.

Minuted :—"13th November 1716. Prepare a warrt for this sum (including the fees)."

The receipt named. 2 *parts of pages.*

15 Nov. 7. Lord Lauderdale, Mr Haldane, and W. Drummond to the Lords of the Treasury. As to the survey and trial of the mine and mountain about it, called Sir John Erskin's mine, in the parish of Alva, and likewise as to a copper mine. Send the journal of their proceedings, which they have made as particular in every circumstance as they could. Will continue to acquaint their Lps with their further proceedings. Ask their Lps to order their warrant to some person to give Dr. Brandshagen and the Hamiltons money for subsistence, and for carrying on the work. Have advanced 67*l.* sterling. Stirling, Nov. 15, 1716.

Minuted :—"Read 26 Novr 1716."

Accompanying the letter are :—

The journal referred to—

Letter from Justus Brandshagen and Thomas and James Hamilton to ———. The three Comrs and themselves have viewed the copper mine, and agree that it is of so good a prospect (not only of its goodness, but also of its continuance) as can be seen in nature. It appears that "the mean veine is never touched but that they have wrought hitherto all upon branches."

A further letter from the three Comrs. Observe that Mr Dundas of Manner is the proprietor of the ground in which the copper mine is, and has an absolute right from the Crown vested in himself and his heirs, to this and other mines within his estate. Some time ago he set a lease of this particular mine to Mr Daniel Peck and partners, and soon after "he was unwarrily enlisted into the late unhappy Rebellion," but notwithstanding, when they were at the copper mine, a gentleman of distinction made it known to them that Mr Dundas was willing to do the Government what service he could in these particulars.

There is also the letter which enclosed the above. 10 *pages.*

15 Nov. 8. Accounts of his Majesty's revenues, arising by fines of alienation, and the payments made therefrom, from Michaelmas Vacation, 1715 to Trinity 1716. The last dated 15 Nov. 1716. [Totals.] Also a rough draft. 8 *pages.*

16 Nov. 9. Memorial of John Anstis Esq., Garter Principal King-of-Arms, to the Lords of the Treasury. On the 19th of April last laid before their Lps (1) the patent granting the Office of Garter after the death of Sir Henry St. George to the petitioner, with the yearly salary of 100*l.*; and (2) a certificate of the burial of the latter, on which their Lordships minuted that they would give no directions till the law had determined the right. There has been no *scire facias* brought against his patent. He has recovered by actions his casual fees.

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Hopes orders will be given for payment of his salary to prevent him from applying to the Court of Exchequer for a *writ of liberate.* Herald's Office, Nov. 16, 1716.

Minuted:—"16th November 1716. Send copies of this to the Earl Marshall & to Sir John Vanbrugh for their answers."

The memorial of 19 April and the certificate referred to. 1 *page and two halves.*

20 Nov. 10. Board of Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury. Col. Kane, Lieut.-Governor of Minorca, has represented that the fact of new fortifications of St. Philip's Castle not being carried on according to the project, renders that castle much weaker than it was when taken by General Stanhope, and besides that the rest of the fortifications are in a decaying condition; he presses for the speedy departure of Brigadier Petit, who is appointed engineer for carrying on the works. Represent that the engineer is under arrest for debts for the fortifications already begun there, and that these are now depending before the Comrs of Account. His departure is absolutely necessary. 20 Nov. 1716.

Minuted:—"Read." 1 *page.*

21 Nov. 11. Report of the Comrs of Revenue in Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, on the case of Captain George Lee and Richard Martin, Esq., the former a collector of revenue in Ireland, and the latter his security. Lee was deficient in his cash in 1705, and was discharged. The petitioner Martin protected the persons and goods of a great many of his Protestant neighbours in the time of the late rebellion in Ireland, and furnished several companies of Sir Henry Bellasis's regiment with provisions and quarters at his own expense. These services recommend him to his Majesty's compassion. Mr Lee served with reputation in the army in Flanders and America after his dismissal. [The balance of the account due was 1,522*l.* 1*s.* 2¾*d.*] 21 Nov. 1716.

Minuted:—"24th March 1718. Make a copie of this report for the petitioners."

Also the case referred to. 2½ *pages.*

21 Nov. 12. J. Burchett (Admiralty) to William Lowndes, Esq., on Mr Bridger's affairs, who had acted as Surveyor of Woods in New England. The Lords of the Admiralty think he has no right to the arrears of his wages. 21 9ber 1716.

In the *Minute Book,* Vol. 21, p. 49, 23 Nov. 1716, is:—

"A letter from Mr Burchett (by order of the Lords of the Admiralty) to Mr Lowndes, relating to Mr Brydger is read. My Lords agree with their Lops as to his demand for his salary from the time of his being discontinued as Surveyor of Woods in New England, both by a vote of the House of Commons and an Order of Council, till the date of his commission, signed by his present Majesty. My Lords also think it reasonable that as soon as he hath taken a survey of the woods, he should send a particular account of the said survey to one of his Maties Secrys of State, as also a yearly account or oftener to the principal officers of the navy, of what quantity of naval stores, and what species shall be sent from the plantations for the service of the navy, and that their Lops will please to cause to be prepared such further instructions for the said surveyor as may be necessary. My Lords also think that as his salary was stopt by an Order of Council, the growing salary upon the navy should be directed by a new one." 3 *pages.*

23 Nov. 13. The Earl of Suffolk to the Lords of the Treasury. States his objections against Mr Anstis's petition for his salary as Garter King of Arms, viz., that Mr Anstis, without his knowledge or consent, procured from the late Queen a reversionary grant of that office, which passed the Great Seal before he (the Earl) heard of it. Opposes the same as illegal and unfairly obtained. To preserve the right of nomination, on the death of Sir Henry St. George, he (the Earl) nominated to the King, Sir John Vanbrugh, Knt., Clarencieux King of Arms, as being the next officer, to succeed. The King accepted the nomination, and by his warrant to him (the Earl) ordered him to signify his pleasure to the Attorney and late Solicitor-General, to prepare a Bill for the royal signature, containing the grant. Mr Anstis had entered a *caveat* against the Bill, and the Attorney and Solicitor-General refused to prepare the Bill, and this obstructed the trial. Has presented a petition that the Attorney or Solicitor-General may be ordered to prepare the Bill so that he (the Earl) may try his right of nomination by course of law. Until which time begs the suspension of the payment of the salary. Poland Street, 23 Nov. 1716.

Minuted:—"23 Novr 1716. Read." 3 *pages.*

23 Nov. 14. Comrs of Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury. A memorial from the corporation of Harwich represents that unless care be taken to repair the breaches already made by the sea in some lands there purchased by the Crown, not only the marshes purchased, but the town itself will be in danger of being drowned. Observe that during the long transaction of this affair, it was a general complaint that the proprietors, as well as tenants, everywhere neglected the necessary repairs, and particularly those of the "Shyes" and Keys of Harwich; and when Commissioners were appointed to inquire into and report the damages received, Mr Samuel Langley, one of the complainants, made oath that he had received damage to the value of 300*l.* Had given their opinion that in the other purchases at Portsmouth and Chatham, the frequent inspection of H.M. Engineers could alone prevent the prejudices which the present and intended fortifications might receive from the neglect of the tenants and for want of repairs. Represent other steps which they had taken. As to the deeds and muniments touching the lands purchased, have written to Mr John Hughes, secretary to the late Commissioners, for a schedule thereof. Cannot make an estimate of the charge of the repairs without sending down proper persons for that purpose. 23 Nov. 1716.

Copies of five other documents on the same subjects.

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Minuted :—" 23^d^ November 1716. My Lords desire the officers of Ordnance to cause a survey to be made of the damages and consider what way will be most effectual to prevent the like for the future." 6 *pages.*

26 Nov. 15. Report of H. Cholmley, Surveyor-General, to the Lords of the Treasury, on a letter and papers and an Order in Council relating to Harwich, and on some propositions in relation to lands at Portsmouth and Chatham. The mill at Portsmouth is under lease, at a rent of 50*l.* per ann., the rent being appropriated for the repair of the fortifications at Portsmouth. The mill at Chatham is gone to ruin. The charge to repair it would be 500*l.*, and it would then let for 36*l.* per ann. It is let on lease to Sarles Goately, Esq. Mentions the houses desired by the Board of Ordnance for lodging their officers at Portsmouth and Chatham. Nov. 26, 1716.

Five other papers.

Minuted :—" 21st December 1716. Read. Offrs Ordnance to attend. On Tuesday sennight Mr Survr is likewise to attend." 7 *pages.*

28 Nov 16. J. Burchett (Admiralty) to William Lowndes, Esq. Had sent the papers received from Mr Lowndes to Captain Balchen, who, in answer thereto, has transmitted the annexed account and affidavits relating to what passed between him and Mr Bowen, Surveyor of Customs at Leigh. The Comrs of the Admiralty were surprised at the complaint, the captain being a sober man, of honest principles to the Government, and one who has always behaved himself so as not to give any grounds for exceptions. The same Comrs have long since given orders to the captains of H.M. ships to permit the officers of Customs to search them, and hope the Comrs of Customs have given directions to them to behave themselves mannerly and civilly to the commanders of H.M. ships, when doing their duty. Admiralty Office, 28 Nov. 1716.

Minuted :—" 30th November 1716. Read."

Five other papers relating thereto, including the captain's answer to the complaint. 10½ *pages.*

29 Nov. 17. Report of the [Barons of the Exchequer of Scotland] to the Lords of the Treasury in answer to their letter of the 21st instant, as to how far their warrant of 24th of Aug. had been complied with. Refer to the insufficiency of the duties of Customs and Excise preceding the year 1710, to answer the fees and salaries for keeping the Court of Session and Justiciary, and the Exchequer Court in Scotland. State their doubts as to the effect of the Act 10 Anne, a clause of which directed the payment of the year's interest to the public in Scotland, and their doubts as to the propriety of the issue of other moneys in the hands of the above Comrs. To obviate these difficulties they directed the payment of 3,200*l.* in the hands of the Receiver-General of Customs from duties on Scots salt, to the Comrs of the Equivalent; also the payment by the Comrs of Excise of 1,300*l.* to the same Comrs. The remainder of the unpaid half-year's interest, they have directed to be paid out of the duty

on Scots salt. Hope to be empowered to satisfy the clamours of those on the Civil Establishment. Exchequer, Edinburgh, 29 Nov. 1716.

Minuted:—"7th Dec^{r} 1716. To Attorney and Solicitor-Gen^{l} to consider this lr̃e & come to my L^{ds} wth their opinion." 3 *pages.*

Oct. and Nov. 18. A collection of papers lettered on the back A to S, with some missing, relating to the conniving at smuggling tobacco, &c. by tidesmen in the port of London; also as to the drinking to a toast given by one Burton, a tidesman, the same being drunk to by waiters on board. The toast was a health to King James III., and the persons who drank it all immediately sung the tune called—"The King shall enjoy his own again." Dated in October and November 1716. 36 *pages or parts.*

5 Dec. 19. John Anstis, Esq., to the Hon. William Lowndes, Esq. Hopes that his salary will not be denied to him, and that he may be allowed to reply to the answer of Lord Suffolk, that in case an order for payment of it be refused, he may make an application to the Exchequer for an *Allocate* and a *Liberate.* Concludes thus:—"I am unacquainted with any instance where a person supporting the right of the prerogative, as I am doing in this affair ag^{t} the Lord Suffolk, who would abridge it in this particular, hath been denyed to have his memoriall to be referred to the Attorney-General," &c. Herald's Office, 5 Dec. 1716.

Minuted:—"Read 7th Dec. 1716. My Lords will consider of this." 1 *page.*

6 Dec. 20. Report of the Barons of the Exchequer of Scotland to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of the Earl of Hyndford. Have already reported that the pension due to the Earl's late father fell short 820*l.* 18*s.* 4⅔*d.* and the "retoured dutys due to the Crown. for the taxtward nonentry relief and taxt marriage of the lands and Barony of Skirling, contained in the infeofment given to M^{rs} Margaret Douglas, deceased, as heir to the deceased Lieut.-Gen^{l} Douglas," extend to 168*l.* 7*s.* 9*d.* which are not yet accounted for. The lands sought by the memorial to be granted in satisfaction of the above sums are liable to the yearly sums therein mentioned. Have already given an opinion that it would be inconvenient to dispose of the lands otherwise than his Majesty had appointed, being for the uses of the Civil Government. Exchequer, Edinburgh, 6 Dec. 1716.

"17th Dec. 1716. My Lords are of the same opinion with the Barons of Excheq^{r}." 2 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

20 Dec. 1715–6–Dec. 1716. 21. Letters from Admiral J. Baker, of H.M. Ship "Lion," to his Excellency Capt. Geo. Paddon; also two letters to the Lords of the Treasury, touching presents designed for the Dey of Tunis and the Emperor of Morocco, during the time his Excellency was employed as Plenipotentiary to the Emperor of Morocco. There are also receipts for the presents, &c. One of the letters contains instruc-

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tions from Admiral Baker to Capt Paddon, as well as the instructions he had left with Capt. Fletcher in respect to the same negotiations. In the last letter the captain protests that he is 1,150*l.* out of pocket by his first embassy to the Emperor, besides what he has expended in the last; which is more than half his salary. He adds, "so much for redemption of 69 captives." 11 *pages.*

7 Dec. 22. Memorial of the Com^rs^ for building fifty new churches in and about London, to the Lords of the Treasury, asking them to cause sums amounting to 2,475*l.* 16*s.* 7*d.* to be impested to John Leacroft, Esq., their Treasurer. Palace Yard, Westm^r^. 7 Dec. 1716.

Minuted:—"Ordered." 2 *pages.*

8 Dec. 23. "Charles Harison's report concerning lycences granted by the Court of Excheq^r^ to compound upon penal laws, &c., from the 11° Octob^r^ 1716, to the 8° Decemb^r^ following inclusive." 3 *double pages.*

11 Dec. 24. Report of A. Cracherode to the Lords of the Treasury. Has attended his Majesty's Counsel, who have been consulted about the prosecution of the Auditors of the Imprests. They have ordered him to lay before their Lordships the annexed draft of a warrant to the Auditors for the production of their books and papers since 1707. Their opinion is that their L^ps^ may sign any warrant to the Auditors, as the Auditors of Imprests are their officers in the auditing the accounts of the Paymasters of the Lotteries. 11 Dec. 1716.

Minuted:—"11^th^ Dec^r^ 1716. Read and agreed to."
The draft referred to. 2 *pages.*

13 Dec. 25. Establishment for Major-General Evans's regiment of dragoons. Dated 13 Dec. 1716. In duplicate, one for the Secretary-at-War, the other for the Treasury. 4 *pages.*

23 Dec. 26. "An account of payments made to Hugh Henry, Esq., out of the forfeited estate of James, late Duke of Ormond, from the second day of November to the 23rd of December 1716, the same being for one year and a halfe rent due att Michmas, 1716."

The names of the properties and the tenants, together with the rent are given. 12 *pages.*

28 Dec. 27. M^r^ Secretary Stanhope to the R^t^ Hon. Robert Walpole, Esq. Has written two letters to the Treasury by the King's order, (1) directing 1,000*l.* to be paid as a present to Mons. Bentenreider, the Emperor's Minister at Hanover; and (2) for 200*l.* to M^r^ S^t^ Saphorin, allowed by his Majesty for his journey to the same place from Vienna. Hanover, Jan. 8, 1716–17 N.S. [*i.e.* 28 Dec.] 1 *page, quarto.*

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31 Dec. 28. Memorial of Thomas Moore, Esq., to the Lords of the Treasury, praying their Lordships' approbation of an allowance of 3*l.* per diem for John Blechynden, Esq^re^, Deputy-Paymaster in the Low Countries, as proposed by the Secretary-at-War. Dec. 31, 1716.

Minuted:—"Read 11^th^ Jan^ry^ 1716. My Lords, having determined this allowance already, do not think it reasonable to exceed 30^sh^ a day." 1 *page.*

31 Dec. 29. Representation of A. Cracherode to the Lords of the Treasury. Has attended his Majesty's Counsel, who have been consulted in the prosecutions against the Auditors of Imprests. Is ordered by his Majesty's Counsel to say that it is their advice to their L^ps^ to send to each of the Auditors a peremptory order to produce their books and papers, and if they do not obey the Court of Exchequer should be moved for an order to them to produce the same. 31 Dec. 1716.

Minuted:—"2^d^ January 1716. Prepare a peremptory order accordingly." 1 *page.*

[The above representation was made in consequence of the following minute entered in the *Minute Book*, Vol. 21, p. 44, 15 Nov. 1716:—"My Lords to assist M^r^ Cracherode in supporting the informations that are to be exhibited against the Auditors of Imprest for taking illegal fees, by giving him an account of such assignees, executors, administrators, and letters-of-attorney-men coming to their knowledge as may have paid such illegal fees; and M^r^ Cracherode is to call upon them and collect w^t^ evidence they or any of them shall be enabled to give him in this behalf."]

VOL. CCII. 1716. PART I. 1716. CLASSIFIED (not being worthy of individual description).

1. Reports of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on various affairs connected with their department, including the charge of examining passengers and suspected persons from France, prosecutions for export of wool, running brandy, &c., the discharge of the duties of the Inspector of Prosecutions, unrated East Indian goods, duties on English goods passing through the Electorate of Brunswick Lunenburgh, and on coarse linens from thence, pieces of eight received in the plantations, prevention of frauds and clandestine trade in the Islands of Jersey and Guernsey, the use of the ground on Tower Hill for building materials to rebuild the part of the Custom House damaged by blowing up the adjacent houses at the late fire in Thames S^t^, leases of adjoining houses to the Custom House, trial for having too many foreign seamen on board a vessel, memorial of M^r^ Culliford,

surveyor of Southampton, prohibited goods brought from Holland in his Majesty's yachts, an invention "for curing sweepings of ships," goods belonging to Lady de la Vega, alleged to have been in use, from which no custom ought to have been demanded, and debts to the Customs since the Revolution. 21 *papers and enclosures.*

2. Representations, letters, &c. connected with the affairs of the Com^rs of Customs (Scotland), including papers as to foreign salt imported, running of prohibited goods, gross and net produce of the Revenue, appointment of a collector, &c, 7 *papers and enclosures.*

3. Reports of the Commissioners of Excise on the removal, &c. of certain of their officers, including the discharge of one of them for concerning himself in elections for members of Parliament. 4 *papers and enclosures.*

4. Various papers connected with the Navy Office, such as estimates, weekly certificates of cash of the Treasurer of the Navy, computations of money granted by Parliament, &c. 19 *papers and one or two enclosures.*

VOL. CCIII. 1716. CLASSIFIED. PART II., AND UNDATED.

1. Memorials, reports, and other papers connected with the affairs of the Board of Ordnance, chiefly applications for money to the Treasury. 11 *papers and enclosures.*

2. Various papers connected with the Pay Office, chiefly applications signed by William Sloper, acting for the Earl of Lincoln, and addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, for issues of money, viz.:—for garrisons, for subsistence of troops, for payment of Bills of Exchange, clothing, &c. 20 *papers.*

3. Papers connected with the affairs of the Marine Regiments, chiefly signed by John Mostyn, viz., accounts of receipts and payments, applications to the Treasury for issue of money, &c. 10 *papers and one or two enclosures.*

4. A collection of papers relating to the state of the Revenue. Amongst them are:—"A state of the revenues of the Civil List revenues at his Ma^ts departure for Hanover;" "A state of the National Debts;" and "A relac̃on of the several branches of the Publique Revenue, in w^ch the Govern^r and Comp^a of y^e Bank of England have an interest; showing what those revenues are, how much they severally produce yearly in net money, what annuitys or other annual incumbrances are charged thereupon respectively for the Bank or others, and how they are severally redeemable, with propositions for raysing more mony thereupon towards lessening the publique debts." Several relate to the Civil List revenues. 22 *papers.*

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1716. 5. Letters from the Com^rs of Victualling, chiefly to M^r Lowndes, asking him to move the Lords of the Treasury to issue money to pay claims of their office, such as for the ships going to the Baltic. Two are for the remission of the taxes to the Commissioners and their clerks. 9 *papers and enclosures.*

6. Various papers connected with the affairs of the Board of Works, viz., as to the debt of the office, new seats in St. James's Park, maintenance of lamps for the Houses of Parliament, repair of road to Fulham, &c. 9 *papers and enclosures.*

31 Dec. 1715 to 22 Dec. 1716. 7. Weekly certificates by Archibald Douglas, of Cavers, Esq., General Receiver of the Land Tax, Crown Rents, &c, and new duties upon houses in Scotland, and paymaster of salaries, pensions, and allowances there, &c.: viz. :—of all receipts, payments, and remains of land tax, Crown rents, revenues, &c., money imprested from the Customs and Excise, arrears of Crown rents, stock of invalid money due before the Union, and new duties upon houses, viz., from 31 Dec. 1715 to 22 Dec. 1716. [*Many missing.*]

UNDATED, but supposed to be of the year 1716.

1716. 8. A short relation of the royal patrimony of the island of Minorca, showing the nature of the several taxes, both certain and uncertain, from whence the royal revenue ariseth, together with the nature of the several tithes belonging to the Crown, and set times and manner of collecting them. "Extracted from a quarto of the years 1713, 1714, 1715, and this present year 1716."

The patrimony consisted of "alenso" or ground-rent, admortizations or quarter parts to the King out of legacies to the Church; "landimies" or tenth parts out of sales of estates; fogage, a house-tax of eight "sueldos" to be paid every seventh year, tithes or diemes on weights and measures and various produce, shipwrecks, confiscations, &c.

The paper also shows the charges on the patrimony. 4 *pages.*

9. Report of the Auditors of Imprest (E. Harley and T. Foley), showing the state of the Imprest accounts, with notes and orders made upon many of the entries by some one at the Treasury. 30 *pages.*

? 1716. 10. "An acco^t shewing what sum was contributed by the R^t Hon^ble the Earl of Lincoln, as Paymaster-General of his Majesty's Forces, for purchase of annuities at 5*l.* ꝑ cent., how much thereof has been transferr'd by his Lord^p, and to whom, and from what time the annuities attending those transfers were to commence, with the sum now remaining untransferred for the use of the public, and the growing annuity with which the said Earl is to be surcharged since the said contributions were made." 2 *pages.*

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[After 1715.] 11. Memorial of William Duff, of Bracco, to the Hon. Sir Robert Walpole, Chancellor of the Exchequer, &c. William Duff, of Bracco, his predecessor, during the Rebellion garrisoned the Castle of Ballveny, in Bamffshire, and defended it against the rebels until it was delivered into the hands of Col. William Grant's lieutenant. Gave a general bond to the defenders securing pensions, &c. Prays to be discharged of about 200*l.* for non-entry dues, for which his predecessors were indebted to the Crown. 1 *page.*

[? 1716.] 12. Petition of the freeholders of the shire of Murray, in Scotland, to the Lords of the Treasury. In the month of December 1715 the Earl of Sutherland, Lord-Lieutenant of the above and divers other northern counties, being in great want of money for the militia then assembled against the rebels, proposed a loan of 1,000*l.* to be made by the freeholders of Murray, which sum was accordingly levied in the same way as the land tax and paid to the Earl, upon repeated assurance that it should be repaid by the Government. Have made repeated applications to the Earl for payment, without success, although they are informed his Lordship has had great sums bestowed on him. Pray for relief. 1 *page.*

[? 1716.] 13. Draft (with corrections) of a letter from [? the Secretary] to the Treasury, to the Barons of the Exchequer, in Scotland, in reply to the memorial of the University of Glasgow, desiring a new lease of the temporalities of the bishopric of Glasgow, and that besides the gifts now reserved to them out of the profits of the bishopric they may have an additional gift of 170*l.* per ann. [viz., 100*l.* for the salary of a Professor of Ecclesiastical History, and 70*l.* in augmentation of the salary of some of the professors]. The King is inclined to gratify them in their request. Desires the Barons' opinion.

The memorial and another on the same subject, with the following note or minute on the back:—"170*l.* additional, 60^{l} to M^{rs} Casteares, order'd in y^{e} D. Montrose's time." Also copy of a warrant of 16 Dec. 1713 relating to the application of 300*l.* per ann. granted to the University of Glasgow. 6 *pages.*

[? 1716 or 1717.] 14. Petition of Sir James Holburn to the King. Served as a volunteer through the Rebellion, and at the battle of Sheriff Muir, and had all the while 14 horses mounted with riders and arms, and kept a guard of 20 men at Menstrie (a place belonging to petitioner), where there is a pass from the hills three miles east of Stirling, by which the rebels made some attempts in the night, but upon the guards firing, they went no further into the country.

Petitioner's family of seven small children, being at a house of his within three miles of Bruntisland (his wife having died in July previous to the Rebellion), had the house pillaged. The children were thereupon obliged to go to Edinburgh and stay there till the Pretender left Scotland. In the reign of Charles II. petitioner's grandfather was fined 800*l.*, and the petitioner being young at the time, neglected to apply to the King and Parliament for restitution, and he is now left with nine children and a very small fortune to subsist them. Prays for relief. 1 *page.*

[? After 1716]. 15. Case of the estate of Robert Fenwick, late of the county of Northumberland, deceased, now vested in the Crown by the attainder of James, late Earl of Derwentwater.

It relates to a "farmhold" in Ovingham, which was granted to trustees for the use of Robert Fenwick for life on his marriage with Margaret Widdrington, and in case she survived him she was to have 20*l.* a year for life.

[It shows some of the family relationships of the Fenwicks]. 1 *page.*

[? 1716.] 16. A view of the frauds committed at the port of Inverness, containing the time of their being committed, the names of the feigned as well as real merchants, the officers concerned, the ships' masters, and places from whence they arrived, and whither they were bound, the quantity and quality of the goods, the nature of the frauds, the sums of which the Government is or was intended to be defrauded, with references to the pages of the report where each article is mentioned. 1 *large page.*

[? 1716 or later]. 17. Allowances, fees, salaries, and other ancient charges allowed to the officers of his Majesty's works. 1 *page.*

[After 1716.] 18. Representation of Henry Wise to Lord ——, relating to the state of the gardens as they were in King William's time, Queen Anne's, and his present Majesty's. In King William's time there were 73 acres, the cost 4,168*l.* 19*s.* per ann. As they now stand there are 148 acres, 2 roods, the cost 2,960*l.* per ann. Above 6,000*l.* is due to him for garden works performed during the last two reigns. Had been permitted in 1716 to take Joseph Carpenter as an assistant. [This representation was made in opposition to Mr Benson, Surveyor of his Majesty's Works, who had projected a scheme for the regulation of the gardens.] Concludes thus: "The attempt formed against me is so notoriously to my prejudice, and no saving to his Majesty in my humble opinion. I hope your Lordship will take this representation in good part. I will only add that notwithstanding the great talents and abilities of Mr Benson, I may, without vanity, believe that I understand garden business full as well, and have had more experience therein, than he has yet given specimens of, but, at the same time, I own that I am far from thinking myself a match for him in schemes and views out of my profession, which is the only thing I am willing to defend myself in on this occasion." 2 *pages.*

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DOCUMENTS for which a brief description suffices.

Date.	Description of Document.	From	To	Purport.
About 1715 or 1716.	1. Petition	Richard Neagle	Lords of the Treasury.	For 50*l.* 11*s.* 6*d.*, &c., due in the Office of Works. 1 *page.*
About 1715 or 1716.	2. Do.	Joan Sampson, widow of William Sampson, 39 years "Cock and cryer and bell-ringer to the Palace and Chapel at Whitehall."	Do.	For arrears of pension. 1 *page.*
? 1715 or 1716.	3. Do.	Clerk of the Cheque and H.M. messengers in ordinary.	Do.	For payment of arrears due from her late Majesty. 1 *page.*
Perhaps 1715 or 1716.	4. Do.	Nicholas Hawksmoor	Do.	For 160*l.* 14*s.* 3*d.*, as Clerk of of the Works at Kensington Palace. 1 *page.*
? 1715 or 1716.	5. Do.	Mary Britten and Mary Lawrence.	Do.	For payment of the pensions of William Fachin and Anne Edon, to whom they were administrators. 1 *page.*
? Beginning of 1716.	6. Do.	John Elphinstone	Do.	For 35*l.*, for necessary expenses of looking after the Cotton Library, and for 10*l.* for a quarter's salary. 1 *page.*
? About 4 Jan.	7. Do., and enclosure.	John Mason, Gentn., formerly Receiver of Taxes in the University town and county of Cambridge, now an aged prisoner in the Fleet Prison.	Do.	For release from prison, as fully as if his composition of 350*l.* had been paid. 3 *pages.*
7 Jan.	8. Letter and enclosure.	The Deputy Judge Advocate (Burt).	William Lowndes, Esq.	As to inspection of patterns of clothing of troops, settlement of off-reckonings, and contract with Mr. London, the clothier. 2 *pages.*
9 Jan.	9. Letter	William Popple	Do.	For the use and inspection of books made up by the Inspector-General of Imports and Exports. 1 *page.*

Date.	Description of Document.	From	To	Purport.
9 Jan.	10. Certificate -	Lord Halifax and two others.	Lords of the Treasury.	In favour of Edward Collis being admitted as a watchman or tidesman in fee at the Custom House, London. 1 *page.*
10 Jan.	11. Letter - -	Wm. Pulteney -	Wm. Lowndes, Esq.	Sends for counter-signature a warrant for restoring Capt. George Cooper to half-pay in Ireland. 1 *page.*
12 Jan.	12. Do. -	William Hull -	Lords of the Treasury.	Covering letter without enclosures. The person to whom the affidavits relate is still continued as Deputy Customer of the port of Exeter. 1 *page.*
13 Jan.	13. Do. -	Lords Justices of Ireland.	Do. - -	About Lieut. Wm. Gunter's arrears of half-pay. *Minuted:* "30th May. Ordered." 1 *page.*
18 Jan.	14. "Presentment"	Comrs. of Customs -	—	Mr. John Manley to succeed Mr. Henry Baker, deceased, late Surveyor-General of the riding officers for the wool business in Kent and Sussex. Recommend Mr. John Savage to be established Plantation and Western Clerk. (Copy.) 1 *page.*
[? About 18 Jan.]	15. Memorial -	Wm. Churchill -	Lords of the Treasury.	For a warrant to transfer the balance of an account (445*l.* 0*s.* 11½*d.*) to Mr. Holbeck's subsequent account of money received by him to pay arrears due in the office of Treasurer of the Chamber. *Minuted:*—"18th January 1715. A warrt. to be prepard accordingly." 1 *page.*
? About 19 Jan.	16. Do. -	Edward Nicholas, Esq.	Do. - -	For payment of a balance of 12,904*l.* 7*s.* 7½*d.* out of the Exchequer. 1 *page.*
19 Jan.	17. Letter - -	Wm. Popple - -	W. Lowndes, Esq.	Asking that the Board of Trade may have copies of the reasons sent by the Lords of the Admiralty against the continuance of a Surveyor of H.M. Woods in America. *Minuted:*—"Ordered. Copies sent accordingly." 1 *page.*

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19 Jan.	18. Certificate -	Wm. Munday, D[eputy] Auditor of the Duchy of Cornwall.	—	Of debentures issued by him and paid by the Receiver-General of the Duchy of Cornwall to Martin Killigrew, Esq., for the rent of Pendennis Castle. 1 *page.*
24 Jan.	19. Memorial -	W. Sloper, from the Earl of Lincoln's office.	Lords of the Treasury.	As to the non-deduction of one day's pay in a year from the "Switz" troops lately arrived from Holland. 1 *page.*
25 Jan.	20 Do. -	The officers of Major-Genl. Evans's dragoons.	Duke of Argyle -	For representation of their case as regards the stoppage of the subsistence of the regiment and three months' British pay. 1 *page.*
26 Jan.	21. Letter and enclosure.	C. Darcy and Fr. Negus.	Lords of the Treasury.	Showing the difference between the present establishment of the stables and that of the late Queen. 3 *pages.*
28 Jan.	22. Certificates -	Sir William Ashhurst and the Rector and Churchwardens of Bishopsgate.	—	In favour of Thomas Nicholls, weigher (Customs), viz., that he be employed next the men in fee. 1 *page.*
31 Jan.	23 Letter - -	James Stanhope -	Lords of the Treasury.	For a credit of 1,000*l.* to be lodged with the Lord Justice Clerk at Edinburgh, for the use of the Earl of Sutherland. 1 *page.*
9 Feb.	24. Do. -	Do. - -	Mr. Lowndes -	For an account of fees taken by the officers of the Exchequer for passing sheriffs' accounts, to be laid before the House of Commons. 1 *page.*
11 Feb.	25. Letter and enclosure.	Deputy Judge Advocate (Burt).	Wm. Loundes, Esq.	Sends copy of report of the proceedings of the General Officers appointed to inspect the clothing of the army, wherein they say they have certified several assignments. With a list of the same. 3 *pages.*
11 Feb.	26. Statement and petition.	Peter Armstrong, of Yarmouth, mercer.	—	State of the case against him as it appeared upon the trial in Easter Term 1715. Also his petition. (Importing goods without payment of duty). 2 *pages.*

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16 Feb.	27. Report (copy) and estimate.	James Bruce - -	—	On Major General Evans' memorial for relief in consequence of the difference of the Establishments of England and Ireland. Dated 13 July 1714. The copy certified on 16 Feb. 1715–16. 5 *pages*. [*See also* 25 Jan. 1716.]
[About 20 Feb.]	28. Petition -	Richard Watkins, stationer.	Lords of the Treasury.	To serve the Comrs. of Customs and Excise in North Britain with stationery ware. 1 *page*.
21 Feb.	29. Letter -	James Stanhope -	Do. - -	For 100*l.* to be paid to Dr. Lidderdale. *Minuted*:—"21 Feb. 1715–16. Prepare a warrt." 1 *page, quarto*.
23 Feb.	30. Warrant, petition, and copy of report.	The Lords of the Treasury.	—	In favour of Robt. Haydock, merchant, at Liverpool. Security for payment of his debt to the Crown. 4½ *pages*.
28 Feb.	31. Letter -	James Stanhope -	Do. - -	To give orders to satisfy two bills of 1,100*l.* in relation to the allowance for inspection of the demolition of Dunkirk. 1 *page*.
28 Feb.	32. Do. -	Lord Townshend -	Do. - -	For 100*l.* to be paid to Major Humphry Bland, who conducted the prisoners from Preston to London. *Minuted*: — "Prepare a warrant accordingly." 1 *page*
29 Feb.	33. Do., and petition.	James Stanhope -	Do. - -	The petitioner, Mrs. Sidney Johnson, prays for a pension for her and her mother for discovery of a fraud by her brother in the Stamp Office. *Minuted*:—"If Mr. Johnson had any merit he had an office given him which he enjoyed during his life, and my lords do not think there is any pretence for a pension." 2 *pages*.
End of Feb. 1715–16.	34. Two memorials.	Mr. Thos. Hodges, Deputy Judge Advocate of Placentia.	—	Prays a warrant for 207*l.* payable out of the contingencies of the army or respites of the garrison, being the amount of his pay from 25 April 1713 to 23 Feb. [1715–16]. 2 *pages*.

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? 2 March.	35. Petition	Jeremiah Kelly, of Deal, brewer.	Lords of the Treasury.	Prays that his bills for money due to him may be delivered from the Victualling Office. 1 *page.*
3 March	36. Letter	John Conduit	Do.	For payment of bills drawn upon the Lords of the Treasury for provisions supplied to the garrison of Gibraltar. 4 *pages.*
? About 9 March.	37. Memorial and copy of warrant.	Wm. Brockett	Do.	As to renewal of privy seal for an annuity or pension of 400*l.* per ann., and for an addition thereto of 50*l.* per ann., and for an arrear of 1,000*l.* 2 *pages.* *Minuted:* — "9th March 1715–16. The P.S. to be renewed from Midsummer 1714, and for his pension of 400*l.* per ann., and a sum of 50*l.* in gross for his extraordinary service."
9 March	38. Letter	Henry Neal	Do.	Proposal for delivering 250 chaldrons of coals at Gibraltar for the garrison. 1 *page.*
10 March	39. Do.	Lord Townshend	Do.	For an advance to Horatio Walpole, Esq., H.M. Minister at the Hague, of a further sum of 200*l.* 1 *page.*
15 March	40. Do.	James Stanhope	Do.	For directions to be given to pay Capt. Thomas Philips for his disbursements. 1 *page.*
20 March	41. Two certificates.	(1) The Mayor and Corporation of Colchester and Justices of Essex. (2) Divers members of Parliament.	—	In favour of Thomas Smith being appointed a Port Surveyor or to some such office in the Customs. 2 *pages.*
1715–16	42. Report	Comrs. for Hides, &c.	Lords of the Treasury.	On the petition of the Keepers of the Great and Little Parks at Windsor as to the taxes on her late Majesty's little house, and for the above parks. *Minuted:* — "21 June 1716. My Lords cannot stay the process." Two enclosures. 5¼ *pages.*
20 March	43. Affidavit	Benjamin Quelch	—	Relating to the Spanish sloop "St. Michael," made before the Collector of Customs in the province of South Carolina. 1½ *pages.*

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20 March	44. Tender for contract.	John Thompson	—	To supply coals for the garrisons of Gibraltar and Port Mahon. ½ *page.*
25 March	45. Memorandum	Mr. Whitaker, scavenger.	—	Stating that it requires the sign manual for payment of his claim for carrying away the soil, and for cleaning and raking before St. James's Palace, notwithstanding the Lord Chamberlain's warrant is granted. ½ *page.*
26 March	46. Letter	James Stanhope	Lords of the Treasury.	For a present to be made to "the five Indian nations." *Minuted* :—"25th April 1716. Mr. Bampfeild to buy these presents as signified in the enclosed letter." 1 *page.*
26 March	47. Do.	Do.	Do.	For all papers relating to the Palatines, who were sent to the West Indies, to be laid before the House of Commons. 1 *page.*
[? About 29 March.]	48. Representation, complaint, and further petition.	James Smith	Do.	Prays for remission of 360*l.* obtained by verdict against him in the Court of Exchequer in connexion with certain brandy seized. 1½ *pages.*
31 March	49. Letter	Geo. Trenchard	Wm. Lowndes, Esq.	As to the dismissal of ? Lieut. Richard Dove from a Custom House smack belonging to Poole. 1 *page.*
7 April	50. Do.	James Stanhope	Lords of the Treasury.	Sir James Jefferys to be put on the Establishment of Ireland as he formerly was at 10*s.* a day. *Minuted* :—"Send this to Lords Justices of Ireland." 2 *pages.*
9 April	51. Report, petition, and two other papers.	A. Cracherode	Do.	As to warrant to the Attorney Genl. to cause satisfaction to be acknowledged upon the record of conviction for a fine of 50*l.* due from James Wilson *alias* Williams, convicted of assault with intent to rob. *Minuted* :—"17th May 1716. The Attorney Genll. to acknowledge satisfaction upon record." 3 *pages and* 2 *halves.*
11 April	52. Letter	James Stanhope	Do.	For the present to the Five Indian Nations to be delivered to Mr. George Bampfield. 1 *page.*

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23 April	53. Letter -	Wm. Popple - -	William Lowndes, Esq.	For an account to be sent of the duties paid upon calicoes printed or stained in this kingdom, &c. Plantation Office, Whitehall, 23 Apr. 1716. 1 *page.*
24 April	54. Do. -	Lord Townshend -	Lords of the Treasury.	For a warrant for the usual allowances to the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Rothes, the King's Commissioner for the General Assembly in North Britain. *Minuted:* — "25 April 1716. Prepare a warrt." 1 *page.*
26 April	55. Warrant -	Lords or the Treasury.	Auditor of the Receipt of the Exchequer.	To make and pass debentures for paying Joseph Lawson, Esq., or his assigns, 50*l.* as one of the serjeants-at-arms. 1 *page.*
1 May	56. Letter - -	Lord Chamberlain (Bolton).	Lords of the Treasury.	For 100 guineas to be paid to John Ingliss, Esq., Marshal of the Ceremonies, as a present from his Majesty to Mr. D'Alcega, who brought the express from the Emperor of the birth of the Archduke of Austria. 1 *page.*
3 May	57. Do. -	Lord Townshend -	Do. - -	For the advance of 300*l.* to Horatio Walpole, Esq., H.M. Minister and Plenipotentiary at the Hague. 1 *page.*
3 May	58. Report - -	Comrs. for Hides, &c.	Do. -	About Mr. Molyneux's extended estate, he being a considerable debtor to the Crown as Receiver Genl. of Taxes for Lancashire. Two enclosures. 5 *pages.*
4 May	59. Letter -	Wm. Gifford - -	Mr. Lowndes -	Encloses memorial of the late Comrs. for disbanding the Marines. Asks that Sir Roger Mostyn may be ordered to pay their claim for carrying out their commission. 4 *pages.*
5 May	60. Do. -	Duke of Bolton -	Lords of the Treasury.	For 200*l.* to be paid as a present to Mons. Holzen, minister from the King of Denmark, on his departure. 1 *page.*

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7 May	61. Letter -	Mr. Secretary Stanhope.	Lords of the Treasury.	For orders to be given for the annual payment of 50*l.* mentioned in the petition of the Treasurer and Trustees of the Charity School at Kensington. *Minuted*:—" 21st August 1716. Prepare a sign manual. 10th Sept. 1716. A warrt. sign'd." 1 *page.*
10 May	62. Do. -	Lord Townshend -	Do. -	For payment to be made of 500*l.* as a reward for apprehending James Talbot, Esq., who lately escaped from Newgate. 1 *page.*
11 May	63. Memorial -	The Cofferer - -	Do. - -	For 2,000*l.*, wanted to pay the customs of the wines, imported for the King's service, and 500*l.* more for the weekly payments to the Envoy of "Tripolis." *Minuted*: — " 19th June 1716. Ordered." Encloses the application received from the Board of Green Cloth thereon. 2 *pages.*
[? About 14 May.]	64. Petition -	William Brooking and Thomas Ayles, of London, merchants, for themselves and the owners of the ships "Two Friends" and "Portsmouth Galley."	—	For payment of the bills for provisions and clothing taken from them for the garrison of Placentia, who were in a starving condition. Also copies of the bills. *Minuted*: — " 14th May 1716. Ref. to Mr. Sloper to make a full representation of the petr's. case to their Lops., with his opinion." 3 *pages.*
18 May	65. Letter - -	Lord Townshend -	Lords of the Treasury.	Encloses report of the Secretary at War, relating to the demand of Major-Genl. Evans, touching the difference of pay between the Establishment of Great Britain and Ireland, amounting to 703*l.* 8*s.* 6*d.*, and gives his Majesty's directions for payment of the same. *Minuted*: — " 30th May 1716. Mr. Merril to prepare such a warrt. as is proper in this case." 3 *pages.*

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20 May	66. Letter - -	Mr. Secretary Stanhope.	Lords of the Treasury.	For the payment of 400*l.* to Francis Bergoin, despatched hither from Constantinople, as a consideration for his journeys. 1 *page.*
25 May	67. Petition -	Randolph Harper, Tidewaiter at Bristol.	Do. - -	To be reinstated in his office or to be provided for in another port. 1 *page.*
26 May	68. Letter - -	Secretary Stanhope -	Do. - -	For 200*l.* to be paid to Col. Charles Douglas, his Majesty's Minister at the Court of France. *Minuted:* — "30th May 1716. Prepare a warrt." 1 *page.*
[? End of May.]	69. Memorial -	Nicholas Mann, King's waiter in the port of London.	Do. - -	For Thomas Wilkins to be appointed as his deputy. Also copy of certificate in favour of Wilkins. 2 *pages.*
[? About 1 June.]	70. Petition -	Mr. John Middleton	Do. - -	For an order to be issued to Sir Roger Mostyn to pay 1,821*l.* 17*s.* 5*d.*, due to Sir Geo. Mathews, upon an assignment for clothing Sir Harry Goring's regiment, late Marines. *Minuted:* — "1st June 1716. Read. P'pare a S. Manual setting forth the reasons for allowing this to the regimt., & authorising Sr. R. M. to pay it." Two other papers relating to the above. 5 *pages.*
2 June	71. Letter - -	Walter Chetwynd -	—	As to the claims of Tho. Allen for his services against the rioters in Staffordshire. At the foot is:—"Memm. 200*l.* for this service." 1 *page.*
[? About 15 June.]	72. Memorial -	Master of the Robes	Lords of the Treasury.	For money to complete the payment for his Majesty's Coronation robes. Also schedule of the debts for the same. 2 *pages.*
[? About 16 June.]	73. Petition -	Robert Payne, of Playhatch.	The King - -	For consideration of his deplorable case, and for relief by a privy seal or otherwise, he having executed a bond whereby he was involved in the bankruptcy of Thomas Crabb, senior, and Thomas Crabb, junior, who were debtors to the Excise. 1 *page.*

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18 June	74 Letter - -	Mr. Secretary Stanhope.	Lords of the Treasury.	For 100*l.* to be paid to Dr. Lidderdale. *Minuted:* — "Prepare a S. M. agt. to morr." 1 *page.*
19 June	75. Memorandum	—	—	Sums to be issued to several offices, such as the bakehouse, buttery, &c. ½ *page.*
20 June	76. Account or Table.	—	—	Showing instances where the governors in the plantations have received the ⅓rd of seizures and forfeitures due to the Crown. *Signed:*—Robt. Paul, Ast. Coll. 20 June 1716. 1 *page.* (Probably an enclosure.)
20 and 21 June.	77. Copy of Memorial and report.	—	Lords of the Treasury.	As to the securities proposed by Francis Hawes, Esq., by whom the office of Receiver-General and Cashier of Customs was to be performed. Also copy of the order of the Lords of the Treasury for the King's Remembrancer or his deputy to take the securities. 3 *pages.*
23 June	78. Petition -	Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council of Bridgewater.	Do. -	Praying for the continuance in his office of Nicholas Jefferys, Collector of the Port, who is likely to be discharged; and bearing testimony to his diligence, discretion, and loyalty. Signed by the Mayor, and sealed with the corporation seal. 1 *page.*
[? About 27 June.]	79. Memorial and four other papers.	Captain Thomas Agnew, agent to the Royal Regiment of North British Dragoons, in behalf of the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Stair and the officers of that regiment.	Do. - -	As to 909*l.* 16*s.* 9*d.* issued by the Paymaster-General on account of the clearings of the regiment until the demand was supplied by Parliament. *Minuted:* — "27th June 1716. Read. He must apply to the Comrs. for Stating the Debts of the Army." 5 *pages.*
29 June	80. Letter - -	Mr. Secretary Stanhope.	Do. - -	Sends petition of Sir James Jefferys. If the representations are true their Lps. are to order him to be replaced on the Establishment of Ireland at 10*s.* a day. 2 *pages.*
29 June	81. "Representation."	Merchants—contractors for naval stores.	Do. - -	For allowance of interest on their bills. *Minuted:*—"Read 29 Jan. 1716. My Lords cannot grant this." 1 *page.*

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29 June	82. Letter - -	Mr. Secretary Stanhope.	Lords of the Treasury.	Signifying his Majesty's pleasure that Brigadier Petit have an allowance of 30*s.* per day as Chief Engineer of Minorca, in the room of Col. Durand, deceased, to be paid out of the revenues of that Island. *Minuted:* — "30th July 1716. Ordered." 1½ *pages.*
[? About June.]	83. Petition -	Sir William Dixwell, of Cotton, co. Warwick.	Do. - -	For letters of privy seal to discharge him from moneys payable on the creation of his baronetcy. 1 *page.*
30 June	84. Letter - -	Duke of Bolton -	Do. - -	For 1,000*l.* to be ordered for the Marquis de Trivii, Ambassador from the King of Sicily, on his departure. *Minuted:* — "24th July 1716. Prepare a warrt." 1 *pages.*
2 July	85. Petition, two certificates, and three receipts.	John Wynne, Esq., High Sheriff of the co. of Flint.	Do. - -	As to an order to receive from the Receiver of the Crown Revenue of North Wales, 40*l.* which was paid by the sheriff for the apprehension of John David, convicted of felony and burglary, and executed for the same. 4 *pages.*
3 July	86. Letter - -	Mr. Secretary Stanhope.	Do. - -	For preparation of warrants, the King having complied with the prayer in the memorial of the Lord Lovat. 1 *page.*
3 July	87. Do. -	Earl of Orkney -	Mr. Lowndes -	For despatch of Lord Glenorchy's business, who is married to the Earl of Orkney's sister. Hopes it may be ordered before the King's going. 1 *page.*
3 July	88. Certificate -	Winton, Pro-Registrar of Seizures, Custom House, London.	—	As to payment of 255*l.* 18*s.* 9*d.* into the Exchequer by William Hunter, for H.M. moiety of a seizure. 1 *page.*
5 July	89. Two lists -	Robert Cannon, Sub-Almoner.	—	Sums due in the Treasurer of Chamber's Office at Midsummer 1716. 2 *pages.*
5 July.	90. Letter -	Mr. Secretary Stanhope.	Lords of the Treasury,	For immediate payment of 100*l.* to Don Mercador, Deputy from Minorca, and afterwards monthly at the rate of 300*l.* per ann. *Minuted:* — "27th July 1716. Order'd." 1 *page.*

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16 July.	91. Letter - -	Lord Gallway - -	Lords of the Treasury.	Recommending a pension to Barbara, the widow of Captain Embree. 1 *page.*
16 July.	92. Do. -	Tho. Colby - -	Mr. Lowndes -	Sends copy of sign-manual for payment to the Comrs. for Transportation, of 4,607*l.* 19*s.* 8*d.* for the directions of the Lords of the Treasury. *Minuted*:—"25th July 1716. Ref. to Lord Carnarvon." 1 *page.*
29 Feb.–18 July.	93. Certificates -	—	—	Showing the money arising by the sale of tin. 7 *double pages or parts.*
18 July.	94. Do. -	—	—	Of the payment of Justices in the counties of Wales. Signed by Wm. Clayton or Lord Halifax. 5 *pages or parts.*
18 July.	95. Letter -	Comrs. of Forfeited Estates.	Lords of the Treasury.	Recommend Mr. Joseph Henry to be receiver of the estate of the late James, Duke of Ormond, in Ireland. *Minuted*:—"19th July 1716, l're writ accordingly." 1 *page.*
19 July.	96. Letter and estimate.	Tho. Colby - -	Mr. Lowndes -	For issue of 3,951*l.* 12*s*, 7*d.* to the Treasurer and Paymaster of the Transport Service for transporting the Dutch troops. *Minuted*:—"Warrt. sign'd 30th July." 2 *pages.*
[? About 20 July.]	97. Memorial -	George Bampfield, gent.	Lords of the Treasury.	For an order to pay 29*l.* 11*s.* 8*d.* for freight of the presents to the five Indian nations. *Minuted*:—"20th July 1716. Write to the Board of Ordnance to include the freight in the estimate." *Again*:—"L're sent to Ordnance." 1 *page.*
21 July.	98. Letter -	Ad. Cardonnel -	—	For a warrant to discharge the late Commissr. Dummer's estate of any pretensions from the Post-Office. Is one of the chief creditors. Chiswick. 1 *page.*

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26 July.	99. Letter - -	Comrs. for Forfeitures	Lords of the Treasury.	Nomination of William Kenedy, Esq., to receive from their Lps. moneys arising from forfeitures by way of imprest to pay salaries of inferior officers, &c.—Speaker's Chambers. Their officers will set out for Scotland as soon as the money demanded is paid. 1 *page*.
26 July.	100. Do. -	Do. - -	Do. - -	Do. in favour of Chambers Slaughter, Esq. Their officers will set out for Lancashire as soon as the money demanded is paid. 1 *page*.
30 July.	101. Report -	John Mostyn, in the absence of Sir Roger Mostyn.	Do. - -	On the memorial of Lord Shannon, Lt.-Genl. Wills, and the Executors of Lt.-Genl. Holt respecting the payment of assignments to the clothiers of the three regiments lately commanded by them. The memorial and an account of the assignments made, and the neat off-reckonings. 3 *pages*.
31 July.	102. Letter -	P. Methuen - -	Sir Clement Cottrel.	The ships for the Mediterranean are to sail immediately. The Tripoli Envoy and his retinue must be on board. 1 *page*.
31 July.	103. Do. -	Do. - -	Lords of the Treasury.	For 500*l*. yearly to be continued to Don Juan Baptista Uzardi, who is employed in soliciting the concerns of H.M. subjects at Madrid. *Minuted* : — "6th Aug. 1716. Prepare a P. Seal for this 500*l*. a year from the time of his last paymt." 1½ *pages*.

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[? After July.]	1. Petition -	Sir Thomas D'Aeth, of Knowlton (Kent).	Lords of the Treasury.	For a Privy Seal to discharge him from the payment due to his Majesty on his being created a baronet. 1 *page*.

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[? About 3 Aug.]	2. Memorial -	Rebecca Davison, widow.	Lords of the Treasury.	Asks that Mr. Merrill may forthwith transfer to her an assignment arising out of an army clothing contract with her husband. *Minuted* :—“ 3rd August 1716. My Lords can give no directions but what are agreeable to the constant usage of the army, and particularly of the troops of Guards.” *Also* “Mr. Merrill's answer to Mrs. Davison's petic'on.” 2 *pages.*
4 Aug.	3. Report -	S. Godolphin, Auditor	Do. - -	On the petition of Richard Whittingham, Esq., late Receiver-General of the Land Tax for Kesteven and Holland (Lincoln), as to payments made by him for raising recruits. The petition and three other papers. 5¼ *pages.*
[? About 6 Aug.]	4. Petition -	John Kent. Esq. -	Do. - -	Arrears of salary as a Comr. of Customs, North Britain. *Minuted* :—“ 6th August 1716. Read. Inquire if Mr. Kent has paid his ballance as Collr. of Lynn, and if so make a warrt. for his arrear of salary as Comr. of Cust. in Scotland.” 2 *pages.*
6 Aug.	5. Letter -	Comrs. of Forfeited Estates.	Do. - -	Recommend Mr. Hugh Henry to be Receiver of the Forfeitures in Ireland in the room of Joseph Henry, deceased. 1 *page.* *Minuted* :—“ 6 Augt. 1716. My Lds. agree to this.”
7 Aug.	6. Do. -	Do. - -	Do. - -	Returning the draft of a commission for appointing an agent. ¾ *page.*
8 Aug.	7. Bill of Charges	—	—	For passing the accounts of Philip Packer, Esq., late Paymaster of the Works. 2 *pages and* 2 *parts.*
[? About 8 Aug.]	8. Memorial -	Captain Thomas Agnew, Agent to the Royal Regiment of North British Dragoons, in behalf of the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Stair and other officers of that regimt.	Lords of the Treasury.	For a warrant for the passing of Mr. Moor's accounts (who was late Paymaster-General), in respect of certain clearings. *Minuted* :—“ 8th August 1716. Prepare a warrt. to Mr. Moore to remove this from the clearings, and be allowed upon acct. of forage to that regiment.” Copies of three other papers on the same subject 3 *pages.*

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11 Aug.	9. Letter and petition.	Lords Justices of Ireland.	Lords of the Treasury.	Send petition of the Earl of Lifford. Recommend that he receive the arrears of his half pay. *Minuted* :—" 18th September 1716. Prepare warrt." 2 *pages.*
11 Aug.	10. Letter - -	Wm. Pulteney -	Wm. Lowndes, Esq.	Sends warrant signed by the Prince of Wales, allowing the forces of the States General 28 days' pay, &c., for countersignature of the Lords of the Treasury. 1 *page.*
[? About 13 Aug.]	11. Petition and affidavit.	Henrietta Custis -	Lords of the Treasury.	For a dormant warrant to receive the salary of John Custis, her father, late a King's waiter, deceased. 2 *pages.*
15 Aug.	12. Report - -	Lord Galway - -	Do. - -	The pension of Sir James Jeffereys of 10*s.* a day to ease the public expense was left out of the present establishment. Submits whether it be proper to restore it. Also petition and letter. *Minuted* :— " 28th September 1716. My Lords agree to the rept." 3 *pages.*
6 Aug.	13. Letter -	John Crookshanke -	John Kent, Esq., " at the nine roles," a baker's, over against Norfolk Street, and near Saint Clement's Church in the Strand.	In answer to various queries which touch upon Kent's arrears of salary. Custom House, Edinburgh. Also a certificate. 2 *pages.*
[? About 17 Aug.]	14. Memorial -	John, Lord Glenorchy	Lords of the Treasury.	For directions for a warrant for his discharge from the penalty incurred by him for non-appearance upon the summons of the Lords of Justiciary in Scotland. Also the form of the warrant. *Second Minute* : — " 4th 7br. 1716. My Lords have not rec'd the King's order for this, and do not think it advisable to be done at all." 1½ *pages.*

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18 Aug.	15. Letter - -	Duke of Somerset -	Lords of the Treasury.	Reminding them of the debt for the stables. The tradesmen complain that goods have been delivered since and paid for. *Minuted*:—" Order'd what has been issued for extrarys. of ye stables. 2 *pages.*
[? About 18 Aug.]	16. Petition, &c.	George Worden -	Do. - -	In his absence at the assizes has been deprived of his place as a tidesman. Prays for another post. Also a testimonial in his favour. [He had drawn the odium of the country on him in serving the Government.] *Minuted*:—" 3d September 1716. Write a lre. to take off the suspension, and to present him the first vacancy for a tidesman on the superior list." *Again*:—" 4th Sepr. 1716. Lre. writ to Comrs. Customes." 2 *pages.*
21 Aug.	17. Letter - -	Comrs. for Forfeited Estates.	Do. - -	Complain that the fees of 12*s*. 6*d*. are demanded at the Exchequer on paying in 2*l*. 12*s*. 1 *page.*
21 Aug.	18. Do. -	Comrs. of Excise, Edinburgh.	Do. -	Have directed Mr. Robert Forrest to continue to act as Accountant-General for the Old and New Duties of Excise, &c., the business of Accountant-General having so much increased. 1½ *pages.*
21 Aug.	19. Do.	Sir Isaac Newton -	Do. - -	Prays an order to issue out of the coinage duty a sum not exceeding 36*l*. for the charges of a dinner for the jury at the trial of the Pix. 1 *page.*
24 Aug.	20. Do. -	Harriot Howard -	—	For payment of debt due to her father. Knows Mr. Walpole has good nature enough to prevent the ruin of the family. Dated Germyn Street. From a memorandum dated 24 Aug. 1716, on the back, it appears he was paid to Midsummer 1716. 1 *page.*
29 Aug.	21. Do. -	Alexr. Abercromby -	—	Asks him to put Mr. Walpole in mind of his promise to pay the Earl of Findlater's arrears, and that the arrears and his current pension may be paid to Mr. Middleton, the Earl's factor. 1 *page.*

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31 Aug.	22. Letter -	P. Methuen - -	Lords of the Treasury.	For a gratuity to John Holst, a serjeant, who, with two other soldiers, guarded and brought home the late Lord Duffus, a prisoner. *Minuted :*—"4th September 1716. Order'd 50*l.*, 25*l.* to the serjeant, and 12*l.* 10*s.* to each of the soldiers, to be paid by the hands of Mr. Cracherode." 1 *page.*
3 Sept.	23. Do. -	Do. - - -	Do. - -	For 1,000*l.* to be lodged with the Treasurer of the Chamber to defray the expense of the messengers who are sent abroad. *Minuted :* — "4th Septr. 1716. Order'd." 1 *page.*
3 Sept.	24. Do. -	Do. - - -	Do. - -	For 36*l.* to be paid to Lieut. Thos. Aldcroft for his expense in being maliciously prosecuted on account of his zeal for the King and Government. *Minuted :* — "10th Septr. 1716. To be paid by Mr. Crachrode." 1 *page.*
4 Sept.	25. Do. -	Lords Justices of Ireland (signed Gallway).	Do. - -	In favour of Captain Adam Blair for his half-pay of a captain, or the making his pension of 100*l.* p. ann. equal to the whole pay of a captain according to his petition. *Minuted :* — "To be laid before the King." The petition and a certificate. 2½ *pages.*
4 Sept.	26. Do. -	Comrs. of Forfeitures	Do. - -	Complain that the agent, Lewis Elstobb, appointed to receive the moneys, is not attending his duties. Office at Preston. *Minuted :*—"Read 10 Sept. 1716." 1 *page.*
[? About 5 Sept.]	27. Memorial -	William Newlin -	Do. - -	Prays to be appointed to succeed William Hurrell as land waiter at the port of Plymouth. Certificate in his favour. *Minuted :*—"Read 5 7br 1716. This place is disposed." 2 *pages.*

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[? About 5 Sept.]	28. Memorial -	Mr. Niell Campbell and Mr. Patrick Campbell, Secretaries, and for the other servants of the Board of Police [? Scotland].	Lords of the Treasury.	For a privy seal to be granted to pay 600*l.* for two years' salaries, and for directions for the future. *Minuted*:—"Read 5 Sepr. 1716." 1 *page.*
7 Sept.	29. Letter - -	Comrs. for Forfeited Estates.	Do. - -	Desiring their Lps. to appoint some person to set the untenanted estates of persons forfeited. *Minuted*:—"11th September 1716. My Lords conceive that the powers are vested in the Comrs. by Act of Parliament, and that their Lops. have no power to intermeddle." 1 *page.*
8 Sept.	30. Do. -	Lord Leven - -	—	Draws attention to a small claim he has upon the Government which, owing to the indisposition of Lord Carlisle and the Rebellion, "has fallen by." Balgonie. 1 *page.*
[About 10 Sept.]	31. Memorial -	Lord Lovat - -	Rt. Hon. Robt. Walpole, Esq., First Lord of the Treasury.	For the appointment of his kinsman, Mr. Frederick Fraser, Burgess of Inverness, as surveyor of Customs there, he having been active against the rebels, and in getting a loyal member of Parliament for the town. 1 *page.*
[? About 10 Sept.]	32. Petition -	Thomas Kinaston, clerk of the works at Somerset House.	Lords of the Treasury.	For an allowance until the lodgings for the clerk of the works are restored to him. *Minuted*: — "10th Septr. 1716. The King has signifyd his pleasure that the petr. should have this office, and my Lords do not think fit to give him any allowance." 1 *page.*
[? About 1 Sept.]	33. Do. - -	William Dignall, of Jamaica.	Do. - -	Asks to be appointed to examine and account for goods, plate, &c. taken up from wrecks by persons without grants, as well as from persons who have grants. *Minuted*: — "11 Septr. 1716. My Lords do not see any reason to erect such an office." $1\frac{1}{2}$ *pages.*

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14 Sept.	34. Report - -	P. Medows - -	Lords of the Treasury	"The Comptrollers's Report upon ye Contractor's Lists, from 21 May to 15 July 1716, & 2 certificates of June 23, and July 12, 1716, for victling the garrison of Gibraltar." *Minuted*:—"To Ld. Lincoln to make a demand." 2 *pages.*
18 Sept.	35. Letter - -	Arthur Branthwayt, junr., Secretary of the Comrs. for Forfeited Estates.	William Lowndes, Esq.	The Comrs. conceive that they are not authorized by the Act to set such forfeited estates as they find untenanted. Asks him to point out the paragraphs in the Act giving them that authority. Office at Preston, 18 Sept. 1716. 1 *page.*
19 Sept.	36. Bill - -	Earl of Stair - -	—	Extraordinary expenses from 19 June to 19 Sept. 1716. One of the items is:—"For correspondence and intelligence from the several towns and ports at France concerning the Pretender, the rebels and their adherents in those parts. 65*l.* 1 *page.*
20 Sept.	37. Letter - -	Sam. Shepheard -	—	Recommends Wm. Yealder for a coast waiter's place.—Bishopsgate St. The petition of William Yealder, and two other testimonials at the foot. 2½ *pages.*
20 Sept.	38. Do. - -	Fr. Negus - -	—	Begs his favour to sign an order in favour of the huntsmen before he goes out of town. Encloses state of the arrears and list of persons attending the hounds. *Minuted*:—"Prepare warts. to Midsr." The paper named. 3 *pages, quarto.*
20 Sept.	39. Do. - -	Duke of Bolton -	Lords of the Treasury.	As to payment of the instrumental musicians in Mr. Clayton's office. Also a list headed:—"Her late Majesty's annuall pentions to his late Royall Highness George Prince of Denmark's musick." 2 *pages.*
21 Sept.	40. Do. - -	Robert Clayton -	William Lowndes, Esq.	About money for recruits paid by Receiver of the Land Tax. Also letter from Tho. Jett, and an abstract prepared by him. 4 *pages.*

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21 Sept.	41. Dormant warrant.	Lords of the Treasury.	Receivers-General and Cashiers of Customs.	For payment to Charles Godolphin, Esq., of 50*l.* per ann. for a clerk on account of the Register of Scotland. 1 *page.*
[? About 24 Sept.]	42. Petition -	John Lethem, the King's master smith in North Britain.	Lords of the Treasury.	For payment of his bills for ironwork in Holyrood House. *Minuted* :—"24th September 1716. Rejected." Three accounts of the work done. 4 *pages.*
[? About 25 Sept.]	43. Do. - -	John Brougham, Esq., brother and executor of Thomas Brougham, Esq., deceased late Recr.-Genl. for Cumberland and Westmorland.	Do. - -	For payment of 1,147*l.* 6*s.*, to defray his extra expenses, &c., the district being so remote. *Minuted* : — "25th Sepr. 1716. To be considered with the rest of the peticons. of this nature." 1 *page.*
[? About 26 Sept.]	44. Do. - -	Edward Le Neve	Do. - -	For restoration of his son as Searcher in the Port of London. *Minuted* :—"26th September. Read and rejected." Also a letter from him as inspector and auditor of certain accounts of money stopped at the Exchequer upon annuities and stipends, the moneys of which go in aid of several parishes in the liberty of Westminster. 2 *pages.*
27 Sept.	45. Letter - -	Lord Gallway - -	Do. - -	In favour of a warrant for arrears of half-pay to Denny Cuffe, Gustavus Hamilton, and Edmund Macnaghton, cornets in a regiment of dragoons. Dublin Castle. Memorial, and another report on the same subject. *Minuted* : — "26th July 1717. To be laid before the King." 4 *pages.*
27 Sept.	46. Affidavit -	Michael Cole, of Stepney, Middlesex, mariner.	—	"Affidt. agt. ye Governor & agt. of Charlestowne in South Carolina, who assaulted ye Custome ho. officers in ye execucon of their duty." 6½ *pages.*

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28 Sept.	47. Letter - -	J. Burchett (Admiralty).	Wm. Lowndes, Esq.	Transmits the petition of the widows of the marine officers for the arrears of their pensions. *Minuted:*—"1st Octr. 1716. My Lords have ordered this to be paid out of mo. in the hands of the paymr. of the marines." Also the petition. 2 *pages.*
29 Sept.	48. Do. - -	Lord Townshend -	Lords of the Treasury.	For payment of the bill of extraordinary expenses made by Mr. Henneker, his Majesty's Secretary at Copenhagen. Also for arrears to Mr. Hanneker and Mr. Schaub. Also the bill of extraordinaries. *Minuted:* — "Mr. Powys to state wt. is due to them. Warrt. signd 26th Novr." 3 *pages.*
1 Oct.	49. Memorial -	Thomas Morgan	Do. - -	Asks to be provided for. Lord Conningsby had already recommended him. 1 *page.*
[? About 2 Oct.]	50. Petition -	Robert Mason, waterman.	Do. - -	Prays to be appointed as boatman to the Custom House, London. Has always shown his zeal for the present Government by voting for Mr. Middleton and Mr. Honywood, and afterwards for Mr. Honywood at Chelmsford in Essex. *Minuted:* — "2nd Oct. 1716. My Lords agree to this petition if there is a vacancy." 1 *page.*
[? About 2 Oct.]	51. Do. - -	Edward Pollington, Collector of Customs at Newhaven, Sussex.	Do. - -	For the office of Surveyor or Landwaiter in the Port of London. *Minuted:*—"2d Oct. 1716. My Lords will consider him when there is a vacancy." 1 *page.*
16 Oct.	52. Letter - -	J. Burchett - -	Wm. Lowndes, Esq.	Their Lps. have no objection to Captain John Walton going in one of the ships for Jamaica, but do not see what advantage his going will be to the naval service, &c. *Minuted:*—"8 Nov. 1716. Report this." 1 *page.*

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3 Nov.	53. Affidavit -	—	Thomas Moulton, mariner, master of the ship "Royal Exchange."	As to the arrival at Antigua of Walter Hamilton, Esq., Governor of the Leeward and Carribee Islands, and as to the taking upon himself the Governorship thereof. ½ *page.*
[? About 8 Nov.]	54. Petition -	Richard Dawson -	Lords of the Treasury.	States his services in making seizures, capturing owlers, and in proposing a method for guarding the coast of Kent and Sussex. Complains of his character being misrepresented. *Minuted*:—" 8 Nov. 1716. Read." 1 *page.*
[? About 8 Nov.]	55. Do. - -	William Fenwick, waterman.	Do. - -	Prays to be promoted to row Mr. Canby, Surveyor of the Deputy Searchers in Port of London. *Minuted*:—" 8 Nov. 1716. May apply to the Comrs. Cust." 1 *page.*
[? About 8 Nov.]	56. Do. - -	Lionel Norman, late Comr. of Customs.	Do. - -	Prays to be appointed to succeed Mr. Caley in the Commission for the Customs and Salt Duties in Scotland. Was one of the first officers sent down after the Union. *Minuted*:—" 8 Nov. 1716. Read." 1 *page.*
13 Nov.	57. Memorial -	Board of Works -	Do. - -	For payment of the debt for the office. *Minuted*:—" 15 Nov. 1716. Lre. writ." 1 *page.*
13 Nov.	58. Petition -	Thomas Morgan -	Do. - -	For an employment in the Customs. *Minuted* : — " 14th Nov. 1716. To be considered." Also two brief notes on the same subject, dated 13 Nov. 1716. 1 *page and two parts.*
[After 13 Nov.]	59. Do. - -	John Wickstead, serjeant, and Samuel Curry, private in Brigadier Killigrew's, now Major-Genl. Pepper's, regiment of dragoons, and Richard Browne of the same regiment.	Do. - -	For their subsistence. [They were taken prisoners at Elchia in Spain, in Oct. 1706, and remained in Spain and France till the general release of prisoners in 1709, and arrived in Ghent, in Flanders, 3 June 1709.] Also six certificates. 7 *pages or parts.*

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15 Nov.	60. Letter - -	Henry Harcourt -	Lords of the Treasury.	As to a difference between him (the Controller of the Two Million Adventure of 1711) and the Paymaster, who refused to give an account of what he paid each day. *Minuted* :—"16 Nov. 1716. Send Mr. Colt a copie of the 5th and 6th Articles of Instructions to the Comptr., and my Lords direct him to comply with the same." 1 *page*.
16 Nov.	61. Do. - -	P. Methuen - -	Do. - -	For 1,000*l.* to be lodged with the Treasurer of the Chamber to pay messengers sent abroad. *Minuted* :—"Ordered." 1 *page*.
20 Nov.	62. Do. - -	J. Merrill - -	Hon. William Lowndes, Esq.	Denying some misrepresentation made by Mr. Howe to the Lords of the Treasury. 2 *pages*.
22 Nov.	63. Report and memorial.	Mr. Pulteney - -	Lords of the Treasury.	Upon Mr. Moore's memorial for an allowance for his Deputies abroad. *Minuted* :—"These allowances may be made by P. S. 29 Nov. 1716." 2 *pages*.
[20 or 23 Nov.]	64. Memorial -	Lieut.-Gen. Charles Wills.	Do. - -	Touching the affairs of Robert Peters, late Receiver-General of Hertfordshire, a bankrupt, and of Sir Bibye Lake, who was possessed of a considerable part of Peter's estate, on which memorialist had a claim. *Minuted* : — "23d November 1716. Read." 1 *page: breaks off abruptly*.
[? Same date.]	65. Representation	Sir Bibye Lake, Bart.	Do. - -	On the same subject. *Minuted*:—"23 Novr. 1716. Read. My Lords cannot agree to repay the 2,257*l.* to Sir B. Lake, nor direct the assignments to be re-delivered." 1 *page*.
[? About 26 Nov.]	66. Letter - -	Sir Gilbert Heathcote	Hon. Robert Walpole, Esq., Chancellor of the Exchequer.	Introduces Mr. Samuel Westall, his Lieut.-Col., to return his thanks for the gift of "the place." *Minuted* ; — "26th Novr. 1716. Westal to have Hagar's place. A lre. to be sent to the E. I. Company accordingly." 1 *small page*.

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[? About 26 Nov.]	67. Petition	Sydney Godolphin, Auditor of Wales, &c.	Lords of the Treasury.	For a dormant warrant for payment of his "salaries" and arrears. *Minuted* :— "26th November 1716. Ordered." 1 *page.*
[? About 30 Nov.]	68. Memorial	Samuel Edwin, Esq., Usher of the Exchequer.	Do.	As to the method in which the arrears of the office were discharged on the demise of the Sovereign. His arrears now amount to 17,000*l.*, of which about 8,000*l.* depend on the Civil List. Prays payment of 1,698*l.* 8*s.* 8½*d.* There are two minutes on back, viz. (1), on 30 Nov., and (2), on 18th Dec. 1716. The latter is :— "What is due to X's., 1713, to be paid to the Usher presently—874*l.* 2*s.* 3¼*d.*" 1 *page.*
30 Nov.	69. Letter	J. Taylour	Christopher Tilson	Sends the names given to him by Mr. Cracherode to be inserted in the Commission for taking an Inquisition of the real estate of the late Lord Bolingbroke. 1 *page.*
3 Dec.	70. Memorial	Mr. George Barclay, late Minister at Mordington.	—	Is reduced to the greatest straits, being out of place and suffering injuries from his affection to the present Government. *Minuted* :— "6th Dec. 1716. Mr. Barclay to have the 100*l.* p ann. lately pd. to the Bp. of Edinburg, as also the last ½ year due. Warrt. sign'd. 12th Dec. 1716." ¼ *page.*
4 Dec.	71. Memorial	J. Merrill	Lords of the Treasury.	For a "debt left in quartering at Kingston, &c. by the Royal Regt. of Horse Guards 10th December 1716." *Minuted* :—"Order'd." 2 *pages.*
7 Dec.	72. Report	Controllers of army accounts.	Do.	On Mr. Missing's contract for victualling the Garrison of Gibraltar. 3,661*l.* 3*s.* 9*d.* is due to him. *Minuted* :—"7th December 1716. Order'd out of malt tallys in the hands of the Earl of Lincoln." 4 *pages.*
7 Dec.	73. Letter	Sir Gilbert Heathcote.	—	As to the appointment of Col. Westall to some place in the Customs. 1 *page.*

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[? About 7 Dec.]	74. Bill - -	—	Lords of the Treasury.	For furniture and work done for the Treasury. *Minuted:* — "7th Decr. 1716. These bills to be exd., & the tradesmen's bills & rects. produc't, & a warrt. to be prepar'd in the name of Mr. Mann upon lres. pats. dormant." 3 *pages.*
10 Dec.	75. Warrant -	Duke of Bolton -	Master of the Great Wardrobe.	For delivery to the master of H.M. barges, of the liveries for the 12 pensionary watermen. *Minuted:*—"Let this warrant be executed. Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, 21 Decr. 1716." 1 *page.*
[? About 10 Dec.]	76. Petition -	Daniel Tarvin - -	Lords of the Treasury.	For the place of surveyor at Berwick. Had removed from Ireland, expecting to make an exchange. *Minuted:*—"10th December 1716. Agreed to." 1 *page.*
[? About 11 Dec.]	77. Memorial -	Charles Mason, Esq.	Do. - -	For additional salary as late Treasurer of the Transports. *Minuted:*—"11th December 1716. Read. See the former minute. My Lords have made as great allowances of the public money as they lawfully can, and his salary having been settled by the Queen's warrt., by which he acted, my Lords cannot make him any further allowance of salary after his office ceased." 1 *page.*
12 Dec.	78. Letter - -	J. Burchett - -	Mr. Lowndes -	For an article to be inserted in the instructions to Mr. Bridger, Surveyor of Woods in North America, to restrain all persons from cutting and carrying away woods, except by privy seal.—Admiralty Office. *Minuted:* — "14th Dec. 1716. Agreed. Lre. signed." 1 *page.*
12 Dec.	79. Account -	J. Holbech (Treasurer of the Chamber's Office).	Lords of the Treasury.	Charges, &c., occasioned by the late Rebellion, on messengers' bills. 1 *page.* *Minuted:* — "30th December 1716. Read." 1 *page.*

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17 Dec.	80. Petition	Elizabeth Browne, widow of Captain Richard Browne, late Commander of H.M. ship "Hazardous."	Lords of the Treasury.	For relief, having lost her husband on duty at sea, his effects being likewise lost. *Minuted:* — "17th Decr. 1716. There are rules for sea offrs'. widows, and if she has any pretensions she must apply to the Admty. and Navy Board." 1 *page.*
17 Dec.	81. Letter	Tho. Jett [Auditor]	Chr. Tilson, Esq.	Certifying that Mr. Wilcox had paid to Mr. Segar. 5,750*l.* ½ *page.*
[? About 18 Dec.]	82. Petition	H.M. Master of the Barges and Watermen.	Lords of the Treasury.	For payment of their salaries and bill money. *Minuted:* — "18th Dec. 1716. Order'd." 1 *page.*
19 Dec.	83. Bill	J. Holbech (Treasurer of the Chamber's Office).	—	For sums due to watermen and master of the barges, and on their bills for carrying the Crown to the Parliament house, and for attending on the King, Prince, and Princess. 1 *page.*
1716.	84. Two drafts of Indentures.	Lords of the Treasury and Sir William Jolliffe and others.	Sir Richard Houblon and others.	As to loans on tin. 6 *pages.*

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—	85. Memorial	Charles, Duke of Grafton.	Lords of the Treasury.	For payment of pension of 4,700*l.* a year. 1 *page.*
—	86. Balance sheet	Thomas Johnson	—	Transport of 639 rebel prisoners. *A few lines.*
—	87. Memorial	Col. Henry Monro	Lords of the Treasury.	To be put on the Establishment of half-pay, Ireland. 1 *page.*
—	88. Scheme	Ephraim Parker	—	For lottery wherein there are but three blanks to two prizes. 2 *pages.*
—	89 Petition	Lewis Elstob, Esq.	Lords of the Treasury.	Asks to be appointed receiver of the estate of James, Earl of Derwentwater. 1 *page.*
—	90. Memorial	H .M. Printers	Do.	For payment for stationery wares supplied to the Houses of Parliament. 2 *pages.*
—	91. Abstract	—	—	Papers relating to Scotland. 3 *pages.*

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—	92. Petition -	Sir James Holburn -	The King - -	For pension for his losses in serving with his servants at Stirling and the battle of Dunblain; his house plundered by the rebels, &c. 1 *page.*
—	93. Memorial -	Ann de Ribaucourt, spouse of Marquess De Ribaucourt, Viscount Durben.	Lords of the Treasury.	For assistance to keep herself and family from starving, her husband having been forced to leave Macquillier, his birthplace, for the sake of his Protestant religion, &c. 1 *page.*
—	94. Do. -	Field officers and captains of North Britain Dragoons.	Prince of Wales -	For allowance for losses, remount money, &c., the regiment having suffered severely by their march into Scotland, &c. 1 *page.*
[? About 1716.]	95. Return - -	—	—	State of the 885,703*l.* 14*s.* 7½*d.* in South Sea Stock, which was transferred to the Trustees for sale. 1 *page.*
[? 1716 or later.]	96. Petition -	David Lockett -	Lords of the Treasury.	For a weigher's or watchman's place in the Custom House. Details his services; was in the army at the battle of Landen, afterwards servant to Sir Alexr. Cairnes, then a serjeant of Dragoons, and hurt in the suppression of the Rebellion. 1 *page.*
[? 1716 or later.]	97. Memorial -	William Muire, Jun., of Caldwell, Esq.	Do. - -	For payment of his annuity. 2 *pages.*
[? 1716 or 1717.]	98. Do. -	Abraham Stanyan, Esq.	Do. - -	For payment of his claim as Queen's Envoy Extraordinary to the Swiss Cantons. [Is now H.M. Envoy at Vienna.] 1 *page.*
[After 1716.]	99. Letter - -	Champ. Branfill, late Under Sheriff of Essex.	Mr. Cracherode, Solicitor to the Treasury.	In favour of assistance being given to two witnesses who had been mobbed, reviled, &c. for giving evidence against a person convicted at Chelmsford for speaking scandalous words of the King, &c. 1 *page.*
[After 1716.]	100. Petition -	Elizabeth Jett, widow and administratrix of Thomas Jett, Esq., deceased.	—	For an order to deposit the books of account belonging to her late husband's offices as Register of Unsatisfied Debentures, &c., Paymaster of Lotteries, &c., and for a discharge for the same. 1 *page.*

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[? 1716 or 1717.] 1. Petition of Dudley Downes, senior, Deputy Chamberlain of the Receipt of the Exchequer, to the Lords of the Treasury. Had daily locked up and delivered out his Majesty's treasure "from "17 Jan. 1714 to this day," for which his predecessors received 10*l.* quarterly. Has been delayed in the reception thereof by the petition of Capt. Langhorn, who claims some part as a salary. Prays payment. 1 *page.*

[After 1716.] 2. Petition of "Daniel Warford, of Palmer's Water Farm, in the parish of Stanstead. near Hockerell, from London to New Market," to the Lords of the Treasury. Is lessee of the farm at a very high rent, upon assurance of an allowance of 20*l.* per ann. by the Crown for the conveniency of his Majesty and the Courts, by making a way through the grounds of the farm in their way to Newmarket. There were always gates and locks made and kept up at the King's charge, being subject to the Surveyor of his Majesty's Roads, under the direction of the Master of the Horse, to prevent all common travellers and carriages from passing through. The gates are now broken down, and the petitioner's grounds for near two miles laid open to all persons and carriages, and the petitioner has not received the annual allowance for near seven years, tho' he has made frequent application to Captain Studholme, the late surveyor, and likewise to the present who formerly paid the same punctually. Prays payment of the arrears. 1 *page.*

1716–17. 3. New Year's gifts or other annual dues to the Secretaries of the Treasury and to the Clerks.

Similar gifts "for the Lords."

Also a duplicate of the first.

Also an affidavit touching the same, sworn by J. Holbech. 5 *pages, quarto.*

1717. 4. An estimate of the charge of the Ordnance for the year 1717. "For the Trear̃y." 1 *page.*

1 Jan. 5. Sir "Hew" Dalrymple to the Lords [of the Treasury]. The Lords of Session are most willing to give them all satisfaction in everything consistent with the rules and constitution of the court. There is a question before the court as to the appointment of factors upon some of the forfeited estates, and the court will proceed as the law directs. Has to inform their L^{ps} that according to the constitution of their court and the laws and Acts of Parliament concerning the same, they (the court) are not to receive any application by letters relating to matters depending before them "from any whatsoever," being under the strongest obligations to direct their procedure by no other rule than that of their law, which it

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is hoped will excuse that their Lordships' letter has not received a more particular answer. From himself, has to say that the proceedings of the session are all upon record, and the Commissioners of Inquiry, in pursuance of the late Act of Parliament, have required and obtained from the clerks of the session full copies of what passed in the session concerning "forefaulted" estates.

The proceedings of the Lords Commissioners of Justiciary are also upon record, and all casualties arising to the Crown by the sentences and proceedings of that court are regularly estreated in the Court of Exchequer in Scotland, whereby a perfect account of the whole proceeding in relation to the late "forefaulted" estates, fines, and escheats, single and "liferent," may be had from the Court of Exchequer and Commission of Inquiry. Edinbr., 1 Janry. 1717. [*i.e.*, 1716–17. *See Minute.*]

Minuted:—"1st. Febry 1716–17. Lr̃e signd in answer." 2 *pages, quarto.*

3 Jan. 6. Memorial of Joseph Gascoigne, Receiver of the King's Revenues in the Island of Minorca. Has paid, by order of the Governor and Lieut.-Govr, several sums (as appears by the annexed account) from the date of the warrant granted him by the Duke of Argyle until the King's warrant appointing him Receiver. Prays for such authority as will pass his accounts, and for further authority for payment of the Spanish officers of the patrimony.

"An abstract of the Royal rents that are at present in use on this Island of Minorca, with some short memorandms taken from the books of the patrimony." Dated 3 Jan. 1716.

Also a debtor and creditor account of the Royal revenues of Mahon. 8 *pages.*

4 Jan. 7. Lord Gallway to the Lords of the Treasury. Sends the petition of Col. Burston, Lieut.-Col. of Brigadier Bors' regiment. He always behaved well in the service, and happening to quarter at Londonderry, one of the most disaffected towns in Ireland, his Lordship found him so useful there on account of his activity and zeal for H.M. service in spiriting those who were loyal, and endeavouring to reclaim others, that he thought it necessary when the army changed their quarters to continue him there. Recommends a bounty in money or a pension to be given him. Dublin Castle, 4 Jan. 1716–17.

Minuted:—"26th July 1717. To be laid before the King." 2 *pages, quarto.*

[? About 4 Jan.] 8. A memorial begging that the 1,000*l.* raised in England, by way of collection for building churches for the poor distressed Vaudois, should be immediately paid to Mr Hill and Mr Chetwin, to be distributed to the ministers and schoolmasters as formerly. Mr D'Heruart, the late King's envoy in Switzerland, did not think fit to part with the money, and kept it in his hands above 16 years, when he put it in his Majesty's Exchequer. The ministers and schoolmasters had a pension of 550*l.* given them by Queen Mary, and continued by King William and Queen Anne, which pension is now going to be settled by the King's orders upon the revenues of the Hospital of the Savoy; but seeing there are three years' due, the ministers are reduced to such poverty that it is feared their churches will be deserted if speedy care be not taken. Mr Jordan, one of the ministers and their deputy here, ought to be taken into particular consideration, being already 30*l.* in debt.

On the back is:—"4 Janry 1716–17."

Accompanying it is what appears to be a Minute:—"A condll ord. L.J.A. 1,000li to be pd to the Vaudois ministers, and to be distributed to Mr Chetwynd and Mr Hill without accot, for building churches for them to be disposed to the Vaudois for that purpose. To be distributed in lieu of the arrears due to them." 2½ *pages.*

10 Jan. 9. Col. A. Spotswood to the Lords of the Treasury. Since his last, which enclosed his charge against Mr Ludwell, late Deputy-Auditor of his Majesty's revenues of the colony, Mr John Grymes, son-in-law of Mr Ludwell, is appointed to succeed to that office. Perceives in the deputation (or commission) some material differences when compared with those given to Col. Digges and Mr Ludwell, the former auditors. However, if any business in the Auditors' office requires despatch, will not direct the transacting thereof by any other than Mr Grymes, for he has no prejudice against him; but there is this exception against him, that he is so nearly related to a person whom he (the writer) has charged with misbehaviour in his office, and might obstruct him (the writer) in making out the mismanagements of the revenue charged upon his father-in-law. Expects also that he will thwart the new measures which the writer is putting in practice for the better management of the revenue. Virginia, 10 Jan. 1716.

The "deputation" referred to. 6 *pages.*

11 Jan. 10. Memorial of the Surveyor-General of Woods to the Lords of the Treasury. Has finished most of the works left unfinished by the late Surveyor. Proposes felling two pieces of coppice wood in the New Forest, one being about 90 acres called King's Wood, the the other about seven, called Barkley. There are also in Windsor Forest three coppices containing about 120 acres known as Fann Grove, Stubb Ride and Mould Grove, 50 acres of which may be sold. Asks for a warrant for the same. 11 Jan. 1716.

Minuted:—"22d January 1716–7. Speak with Mr Smith abt that part of this memorial relating to coppice wood in New Forest, & to Mr Onslow upon the last article relating to 3 coppices in Windsor For." *Again*:—"31st January 1716–7. Mr Onslow to have the cutting of the 3 spring woods in Surry (vizt 20 acres yearly) and to cause them to be fenced in, the Survr Woods is to overlook this cutting, & give my lords an acct of the service & pay the money arising from the sale of the said wood into the Exch.

Wt signd 7th Febry 1716–7. What relates to New Forest is order'd." 1 *page.*

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12 Jan. 11. Report of Mr Thomas Jett, Auditor, to the Lords of the Treasury, giving a state of the manor of Richmond, in the county of Surrey. The manor was by her late Majesty Queen Henrietta Maria (6 Apr. 1663) demised to Edward Villers, Esq., for 21 years at a rent of 20*l.*, and was afterwards settled upon Catherine, late Queen Dowager, as parcel of her jointure. Afterwards King James II. settled the manor on his Queen, and at the Revolution it reverted to the Crown. Afterwards the trustees of Queen Catherine contested in the Court of Exchequer the title with the Crown, and it was determined in favour of the Crown. By a survey in 1703, the revenue of the manor amounted to 362*l.* 4*s.* 7*d.* In order that he may lay states of accounts of the manor before their Lps proposes that the stewards may be obliged to transmit into his office perfect rentals, &c., and a duplicate of the Court Rolls, and that the Crown and not the steward shall appoint the bailiff. Jan. 12, 1716.

Minuted:—"18th January 1716–7. Read. Read a 2d time 11th July 1717. 22. My Lords agree to the rept. Read a third time the 23rd July 1717. Send to Mr. Jett to know whether any of the late stewards mencõned in this rept have returned in any rentals of this manor." 5½ *pages.*

[? About 16 Jan.] 12. Petition and "hard case" of Charles Palmer to the Lords of the Treasury, praying for a pension of 500*l.* a year. He and his brother spent seven years and nearly 1,000*l.* in ascertaining and contriving a remedy for the ill-working of certain Excise Acts on coffee, tea, chocolate, &c., and he and his brother were promised 500*l.* a year each by King William [the Third]. For this outlay he had received in broken sums from the Treasury only 375*l.*, and 625*l.* was in arrear to him. Among his Majesty's pensions is the "rueful sum of but 20*l.* set on the petitioner." [He says that in the first year of the carrying out of the improvement the Revenue improved 23,000*l.* and was then above 300,000*l.* a year, and his project was so acceptable to the members of Parliament that it led to the laying on of the malt duty.]

Minuted:—"16th January 1716–7. My Lords cannot advise the King to make any addicõn to his present pension." 1 *page.*

17 Jan. 13. List of papers relating to the Equivalent received by Henry Cartwright. 17 Jan. 1716–7. 1 *page.*

18 Jan. 14. Comrs of Customs (Scotland) to the Hon. Horatio Walpole, Esq., Secretary to the Treasury. In reply to two anonymous papers which informed the Lords of the Treasury of a clandestine trade in brandy and wine carried on at Bordeaux by the ships of North Britain since the Rebellion. If the informer had been well acquainted with the trade of North Britain and France, he would have known that such frauds have been carried on ever since the Union, and as much discouraged by the managers of the Revenue of Customs as possible. As to the entry of French wine under the denomination of Spanish, it is notorious that all the wine from France is so, and obtained by

perjury of the masters of ships "making their reports on oath to that purpose." Nevertheless such wines have formerly been seized and prosecuted in the Court of Exchequer, but the juries always found against the Crown. It has ever since been thought advisable to try no more of these causes, but take the entry thereof from the master's report. There are great quantities of brandy run into these parts in quarter and small casks. Thirty tuns have been seized since the 29th of September last. These and other abuses have been represented to the Treasury and cannot well be altered without amendment of the laws. Custom House, Edinburgh, 18 Jan. 1716–7. 1½ *pages.*

25 Jan. 15. Petition of Richard Lutwych, a maker of candles, to the Lords of the Treasury. Prays for stay of process in the Court of Exchequer, he having had two informations against him, on which he could have proved his innocence if the appeals had been heard in any reasonable time. The moiety of the penalties goes to the informer, and the informer is dead. Petitioner is advised that this part of the penalty ceases.

Also an affidavit, sworn 25 Jan. 1716. 2 *pages.*

26 and 28 Jan. 16. Two letters of W^{m} Chamberlain, Collector of the Port of Exeter, in exculpation of himself, he having been charged, with others, in certain affidavits, with refusing to drink the health of the Duke of Marlborough and the Lord Townsend, and saying they deserved to be hanged for making that damned roguish villanous Barrier Treaty, &c. Dated 26 and 28 Jan. 1716.

The two affidavits referred to, and two others in his favour. 8 *pages.*

31 Jan. 17. Report of the Earl of Lincoln to the Lords [of the Treasury], on a memorial of Sir Matthew Decker, as to what is due to four battalions of the Bishop of Munster's troops, taken into the King's service pursuant to a treaty of 23 Dec. 1715. 18,444*l.* 18*s.* 1*d.* would appear to be due. Pay Office, 31 Jan. 1716.

Minuted:—"4th February 1716–17. 6,000*l.* upon acco^{t} to be paid for this service out of money in the Earl of Lincoln's hands. Prepare a sign manual. Warr^{t} signed 6th Feb^{ry} 1716–17. Orderd out of money upon the malt remaining in the Excheq^{r}." 2½ *pages.*

4 Feb. 18. Memorial of Henry Cotigno to the Lords of the Treasury. It runs as follows:—"Henry Cotigno, citizen and draper of London, converted from Jewdaisme and baptised into the Christian Faith in the year 1686 at the parish church of S^{t} Clement Danes, being reduced to great poverty, and informed that he is entitled to a share of a charity for relief of converted Jews, and now distributable by the Master of the Rolls, most humbly prays your Lordships, no warrant may be granted to his honour the Master of the Rolls for the receiving any mony out of the revenues given towards the support of converted Jews, untill the claime of the said Henry Cotigno hereto (of which there is upwards of thirty years due to him, as a converted Jew), according to the Foundation settled by King Henry the 3d in the year of our Lord 1233, be fully satisfied,

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&c. London, February the 4th 1716–17." [P.S.] "I lodge at Mr Jones's in Little Jarmin Street, St. James's."

Docquetted:—"Caveat enter'd by Henry Cotigno, a converted Jew, in the year 1686, for what is due to him in that behalf by the Foundation of the Rolls." ½ *page*.

13 Dec. 1716 –5 Feb. 1717. 19. Representation of Edward Harley and Thomas Foley, Esq., Auditors of Imprests. Informations are filed against them in the King's Bench on account of entries in relation to public lotteries. Rest assured that their Lps will not insist upon their delivering up such books as are necessary to their defence, while prosecutions are depending against them to deprive them of their freeholds; as none is obliged to accuse himself or furnish evidence to his accusers. Are advised by counsel that what is required is not proper to be demanded from them in a court of justice. 5 Feb. 1716–17.

Three other petitions from them of previous dates. In the first of 13 Dec. 1716 they say: "We should make a dangerous precedent to the liberties of Englishmen, if we should now deliver out of our hands the books and papers of our office."

There are two minutes on the back. The second is:—"7th Febr. 1716–17. Read a second time. Mr Cracherode to attend the King's Councill with this representation, and to have their opinion what is lawfull and proper to be done therein." 4 *pages and* 3 *halves*.

7 Feb. 20. Board of Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury. Their account of the stores remaining in the Leeward Islands is so imperfect as to the number and natures of the guns and stores, that they cannot make a true estimate of the charge; but as near as they can compute, it may come to about 2,343*l*. 14*s*. 6*d*., which they desire their Lps will give directions to be paid to their Treasurer, and they will cause such a proportion of ordnance stores to be delivered as shall answer the value. 7 Feb 1716–17. 1 *page, quarto*.

13 Feb. 21. Opinion of the Attorney-General as to whether the receiver of the rents of the Duke of Ormond's estate should pay to the Duchess her rent-charge, and to the Lady Betty her portion. Is of opinion that the letters patent direct the payments to be made. Dated 13 Feb. 1716–17.

Also the letters patent. 6 *pages*.

13 Feb. 22. Robert Hunter to the Rt. Hon. R. Walpole, Esq. Has drawn on H.M. Treasury for 525*l*., being the sum of several protested bills on the account of the "Expedition" [? Canadian]. Encloses a clause in an Act passed in Pennsylvania for raising a sum for the uses of the Expedition. The money is raised and remains in the Treasurer's hands of that colony. By the Act it was to be paid to him (Mr. Hunter), he being empowered by her late Majesty's special instructions to receive all such sums. Would, if transferred to him, pay the protested bills out of it. Would bring his own claim into Parliament this session if thought fit. Begs his compassion for an old officer (Mr Byerley), who is superseded, and is really a proper object of compassion, being old, infirm, and poor. He has in the very worst

of times been firm and strenuous on his (Mr Hunter's) side, in keeping under a vile party, which valued themselves upon their disaffection to his Majesty's just and lawful title. Asks him to recommend him (Mr Byerley) to his Majesty for a pension of 100*l.* per ann. out of the quit-rents, or he will starve. He says, "As for my own part, I assure you I never touch'd them ev'n whilst I was a starving myself." Also intreats his protection to Mr Francis Harrison, a very ingenious gentleman and warm friend of the right side, who has been recommended to the Comrs of Customs. There is not a greater disparity in merit between the man the Surveyor-General keeps in, and him he would keep out of employment. New York, 13 Feb. 1716–17. 4 *pages, quarto.*

14 Feb. 23. Report of the Barons of the Exchequer, Scotland, to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the stipend of the minister of the church of Navarr. The stipend paid does not exceed 23*l.* 8*s.* 4*d.* There is paid out of the teinds of the parish of Caraldston 7*l.* 17*s.* 9*d.*, "the minister of which parish not being sufficiently provided will be preferred, and thereby his allowance be reduced to 15*l.* 10*s.* 7*d.*" The real rent of the parish of Navarr is only about 100*l.* per ann., so that no augmentation or further provision can be legally had thereout, for the subsistence of the minister. In the time of Presbitery, before 1662, the provision of the minister of the church was considerably augmented by gift or allocation out of the Bishop's rents. Exchequer Chambers, Edinburgh, 14 Feb. 1716–17.

Also "Extract of Act anent the stipend of Navar," and a draft of royal letter ordaining a letter of gift to be made in favour of Mr George Leslie, the present minister, and his successors.

Minuted :—"31st July 1718. Agreed to." 4½ *pages.*

14 Feb. 24. From the same to the same. The rents, &c. (about 3,000*l.* per ann.) belonging to the late Archbishop of St. Andrews, the Bishops of Edinburgh, Galloway, Brichen, Dunkeld, Dumblain, Aberdeen, Murray, and Caithness, and of the dignified clergy in these bishoprics granted to William Seton, junr, of Pidmeden, by decease of her Majesty, have determined, and have been in arrear and uncollected. The offices of "chamberlainrys" or receivers of rents within the Earldom and Lordships of Galloway, Etterick Forest, and Lindores have likewise determined, and are uncollected. The rents of the above bishoprics amount to about 3,000*l.* per ann., and those of the lordship of Galway to 190*l.* per ann., Etterick Forest to 230*l.*, and Lindores to 18*l.* Same date. 2 *pages.*

19 Feb. 25. Report of the Comrs of Stamps to the Lords of the Treasury, on the annexed petition of John Rogers of the town of Salop, bookseller. Are informed that the petitioner, at the time of the Rebellion, printed the *Bishop's Declaration against the Rebellion, Howell's and the Non-Jurors Doctrine exposed,* and *the Cambridge Address ;* but that what is therein alleged as to *Partridge's Predictions* is not true. Having received information from the Stationers' Company, and from one of their riding inspectors, that the petitioner had printed and sold great numbers of almanacks without stamps under

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the title of *Partridge's Predictions,* they (the Com^{rs}) ordered a prosecution against him for the same, but have not ordered any prosecution against him for any other pamphlets which he has printed and sold, although he has sold many others without stamps under the titles of *Don Quevedos' son's arrival to London, The Doleful Duchess Garland, The last dying speech of Ann Fogget,* and some others, so that the Com^{rs} apprehend that the petitioner intends to continue his practice of printing and selling what he pleases without stamps. Conceive that he should be prosecuted for the almanacks and pamphlets liable to stamp duties. Stamp Office, Lincoln's Inn, 19 Feb. 1716.

The petition. 2 *pages.*

22 Feb. 26. Com^{rs} of Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury. Send (1) estimate of the charge of the office for land service for the year 1717; (2) explanation of the articles for the extraordinaries in the year 1717; and (3) an account of moneys laid out by the Office of Ordnance in the year 1716, for which there is no provision made by Parliament; also the deficiencies of the said year. Out of the 13,601*l.* 10*s.* which the Treasurer of Ireland has not yet repaid, 10,000*l.* is for finishing the gun wharf and blockhouse at Portsmouth. The charge of the office will unavoidably be very great this year. 22 Feb. 1716–17. 4 *pages.*

26 Feb. 27. Memorial of the Officers of Works to the Lords of the Treasury. The Clerk Engrosser is appointed to write the books to be delivered to the auditor, and his Majesty has appointed M^{r} Mercer Clerk Engrosser, in the room of M^{r} Wren. M^{r} Mercer has constantly refused to attend to his duties, and the business is at a stand. 26 Feb. 1716.

Also petition of John Mercer, and an abstract of his patent. 3 *pages.*

2 March. 28. Memorial of the Com^{rs} for Land Tax for the year 1713 within the palaces of Whitehall and S^{t} James's, to the Lords of the Treasury. Pray that out of the money applicable to the late Queen's debts, the deficiency of 3,267*l.* 16*s.* 1*d.* may be paid over to the Collectors in discharge of that arrear, which may be stopped again when the persons receive their salaries. Whitehall, March 2, 1716–17. 2 *pages.*

2 March. 29. Representation of the Postmasters-General to the Lords of the Treasury. Their proposal for the inspection of the six main roads, bye-roads, and branches has been put in execution, and the suggestions in their report to their Lordships are confirmed by the surveyors who reported:—1. That the several branches of this revenue were farmed until 1 June 1711, and since then the managers have had an allowance of 10 per cent. per ann. out of the net produce of the letters. These may be put on the same foot with the six grand roads whereby the greatest charge of the management (1,214*l.* 15*s.* 7*d.*) will be saved. (2.) That the deputies do not account so justly for the bye and cross road letters, nor take such care of the returned and mis-sent letters of their respective stages as they ought to do.

(3.) That the abuse of franking letters in the names of members of both Houses, as well as by the several officers who pretend to have the liberty of franking, is of great prejudice to the revenue. On consideration of the first article have reduced seven of the nine branches, by which the revenue is rather increased. On the second and third, recommend the appointment of such additional officers as they mention. Ask that his Majesty may be moved to grant a warrant to distinguish whose letters shall pass free of postage. Give the gross and net produce of the Post Office from 1709 to 1716. The additional penny has never answered in proportion, and occasions the people to endeavour to find out other conveyances for their letters. The alterations of the revenue in the years 1713, 1714, 1715, and 1716 are to be attributed to the peace, which lessened very much the foreign correspondence, and made a conveyance for the Portugal letters (that in time of war came through England to Holland) to go there by way of France, to the loss to his Majesty of 5,000*l.* per ann. The ship-letters that produced a considerable post are also very much lessened since the peace, and the late Rebellion was very prejudicial to the revenue of the Post Office, correspondence having been very much interrupted by it. The State's franks amount to about 8,270*l.* per ann., and the members' letters 17,470*l.* per ann. The clerks of the Inland and Foreign offices have always been allowed the privilege of franking some news letters to their correspondents, but it has swelled to such great numbers that they think it proper to lay before their Lordships, as they can have no account of what these franks amount to, until they are allowed proper officers for that purpose. General Post Office, 2 March, 1716.

Minuted:—"Read March ye 5th 1716–17, and agreed to this report, so far as it relates to ye alterations proposed for preventing abuses by ye augmentation of officers, and the rest relating to the franking of letters, &c. to be further considered." 6 *pages.*

7 March. 30. Report of Edward Young, Surveyor-General of Woods, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of Richard Marshall, Esq., Stud Master, as well in respect to the repairs and new stables and other necessaries in Hampton Court house park, as to excess on the estimates, &c. The walling round the whole park is much out of repair. The fences next the Thames are so very bad that several brace of deer have taken the river and are lost. Hopes the money required may be ordered, otherwise than by wood sales, there being at present very great charges on the forest woods. March 7, 1716.

Minuted:—"4th July 1717. To be layd before the King."

The memorial referred to.

An epitome of the memorial and report in French [probably for the King.] 5½ *pages.*

[? About 11 Mar.] 31. "Some considerations humbly offer'd in Sir James Abercrombie's case, together with an abstract of the heads of his extraordinary charges during his residence at Dunkirk."

Sir James was sent upon the negotiation of the evacuation of Dunkirk, without money or credit given to him. Col. King, joined with him, received 500*l.* Col. Disney sent to give an account of the negotiation, received 1,000*l.* Sir James being appointed commandant of the garrison under Major-Genl Hill, the governor, commanded in chief for the most part of the time that the British troops were there. The possession of Dunkirk brought people of the greatest distinction of all nations to see it, and the commandant was obliged to pay them honour and civilities, &c. All the embarkations of the troops were superintended by him between 18 May and 25 Aug. 1713. No allowance was given him for this service, although it was customary. Upon the King's accession had orders to send over two battalions and to remain there himself, with an engineer, to receive directions as to the demolition, and as to the inspection of the new works at Mardyke. Refers to his hardships and losses by the non-payment of his bills. Has been forced by these hardships to dispose of his employment (after 23 years' service as a commissioned officer, and a considerable rank as a colonel in the army), to pay debts contracted in these services. The success he had at the village of Blenheim, for which her late Majesty honoured him with the title of baronet, and the reputation he served with during the war, together with his behaviour at Dunkirk in the most troublesome times, he thought to be his greatest merit, and should rather have entitled him to some mark of favour than to be exposed to misery.

Minuted:—" 1,000*l.* to Sir J. Abercrombie, as of his Maties bounty and reward of all his services at Dunkirke. Make a Memd for Ld Sund." *Again:*—" 11 Mar. 1716. The King signed a warrt for paying into Sr James Abercombie 1,783li, residue of 2,490li, in full recompence and satisfaction, as well of his service as of all charges, claims, and demands wtsoever with respect to his employment of commanding the British forces at Dunkirk, and inspecting the demolicõn of that fortress. Which sum was paid accordingly." 2 *pages.*

[? About 12 Mar.] 32. Petition of Joane Smith, widow of John Smith, deceased, to the Lords of the Treasury. Petitioner's husband being pilot of his late Majesty's ship the "Phœnix," then under command of Captain Douglas, which brought provisions from General Kirke to Londonderry at the time of the woeful siege, was mortally wounded, for which service a bounty of 40*l.* was ordered. "At the loss of her husband her eldest son received a mortal bruise of a splinter in his theige and lege," and ever since lies in most miserable condition. Prays for payment of the bounty.

Minuted:—" 12th March 1716–17. My Lords can do nothing in this."

Also two certificates. 3 *pages.*

13 March. 33. A. Cracherode's representation of Mr Attorney-General's opinion relating to the Audrs of the Imprests producing their books

of entries of instruments concerning the Lotteries. 13 March 1716–17.

Minuted:—"14th March 1716–17. Read." 1 *page, quarto.*

[? About 14 March.] 34. "Considerations humbly offered to the Right Hon^{ble} the Lords Com^{rs} of his Majestie's Treasury, for y^{e} more effectuall preventing and suppressing the smugling trade in the west part of England, viz^{t}, the countys of Cornwall, Devon, and Dorsett, and for sinking the incident charges on y^{e} customs in said countys." *Signed:*—"Hen. Badcock."

Minuted:—"14th March 1717. To Com^{rs} Customes." 1 *page.*

15 March. 35. William Taverner to the R^{t} Hon. Paul Methuen, Esq., one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State. Had signified to him what was due upon his survey of Newfoundland and had received no reply. Had laid his proceedings and report before M^{r} Secretary Stanhope, and had begged to know his Majesty's pleasure about the further prosecution of that survey, but had had no answer; conceives that no minutes of the former or present Lords of the Treasury can annul his Majesty's order and approbation of his service, which is of a hundred times greater value to his Majesty and subjects than all the money due to him. Besides his survey, was ordered by Col. Moody, Governor of Placentia, to administer the oath of allegiance to the French inhabitants, and to settle differences, which took up a great deal of time, and was a great expense. Is about 1,000*l.* worse off by this service, which was forced upon him. For want of money was imprisoned, and is utterly ruined, unless relieved by his Majesty. London, March 15, 1716–17.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. 22, p. 76. 18 Aug. 1718 is:—"Capt. Taverner call'd in. My Lords consider his demands for pay, pursuant to his commission, as Surv^{r} of Newfoundland, & for his expences over & above the allowance, amounting to 1,400^{li}, and direct the sum of   out of the Queen's arrears, in lieu of all his pretensions in the Queen's time, & 300^{li} for all his demands in the King's time, for his pay and expences. Mr. Taverner will make an extract of all the matters of fact contained in his 2 reports of the state of Newfoundland, and lay them before my Lords." [*See also* 21 Aug. 1718.] 1 *page.*

15 March. 36. Com^{rs} of Revenue, Ireland, to the Lords of the Treasury. Send an account of the produce of his Majesty's hereditary revenue, and the additional duties granted by Parliament for the year ending 25 December last, &c. The merchants foresaw an additional duty on tobacco, and laid in such stocks as considerably abated that duty &c. Custom House, Dublin, 15 March 1716.

The "computation" of the produce referred to. *Signed:*—"W. Burgh, Compt. & Acc^{t} Gen^{l}." 2 *pages.*

15 March. 37. "Charles Harrison's reports concerning licences granted by the Court of Excheq^{r} to compound upon penall laws, &c. from the 7th Feb^{ry} 1716 to the 15th March following, inclusive."

Giving a list of the persons, the amounts, &c. 3 *double pages.*

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18 March. 38. Report of A. Cracherode to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Elenor Forrest, a prisoner in Newgate, detained for a fine of 10 marks set on her for a misdemeanour. Finds that the allegations are true. She will never be able to pay the fine. Recommends her release. She has stood in the pillory. 18 March 1716.

Minuted :—“ 6 Augt 1717. A warrt to be p̃pared if not discharg’d by ye act of grace.”

Her petition and an affidavit of her sister. 2 *pages* & 2 *parts*.

19 March. 39. Copy of letter from P. Methuen to the Lords of the Treasury in respect to reimbursing 630 dollars distributed at Tunis upon the occasion of Vice-Admiral Baker renewing the peace with that Government. His Majesty directs that that sum shall be reimbursed to Mr. Richard Hall according to the desire of the Lords of the Admiralty. Whitehall, 19 March 1716–17.

Minuted :—“ 6th June 1717. Order’d.”

Also copies of a letter and two certificates thereon. 4 *pages*.

19 March. 40. Memorial of Edward Willis, Abel Lee, and Edward Hall, to the Lords of the Treasury. Were instrumental in detecting great frauds committed in manufacturing leaves of English growth to imitate tobacco. Refused to accept 200*l.* not to appear before the Committee of Investigation. Received 10*l.* each, and no other reward; pray for suitable encouragement. 19 March 1716–17. 1 *page*.

20 March. 41. “ Account of money due to the publick from such receivers-general as have reports for extraordinary allowances unsatisfied.” Office for Hides, &c., 20 March 1716. 1 *page*.

22 March. 42. Report of R. Powys to the Lords of the Treasury, on the demands of Hatton Compton Esq., Lieutenant of the Tower of London, on three bills. The second was for keeping prisoners. The ancient allowance was reduced from 10*l.* a week for a nobleman, and 3*l.* a week for a commoner to 2*l.* 4*s.* 5*d.* and 13*s.* 4*d.* respectively. Is informed that some of the prisoners have paid large allowances for their commitment and lodgings. 22 March 1716–17.

Minuted :—“ 12th November 1717. My Lords agree to the report.”

Order in Council for the above report to be made. 2 *pages*.

28 March. 43. R. Powys to the Comrs of Customs. Transmits for their consideration papers relating to George Werden. Treasury Chambers, 28 March 1717.

The papers enclosed are thus described :—

“ 1. Mr Sec̃ry Stanhope’s lr̃e.
2. Lr̃e signed by Ld Molesworth & others.
3. Lr̃e to his Maty on behalf of Benj. Tyers.
4. Lr̃e signed Tho. Westby.
5. Abridgemt of Geo. Werden’s case.

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6. Certif^t^ signed by Tho. Westby on behalf of Benj^n^ Tyers.

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8. } Depositions & examination."
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[George Werden, who was of Sheffield, seized several of the conspirators engaged in the Rebellion in favour of the Pretender, and had a tidesman's place given to him. Benjamin Tyers, of Edlington, in the county of York, gentleman, acquired the first certain knowledge of the Rebellion, and gave information thereof, whereby several were seized, and their design on Newcastle prevented.] 21 *pages.*

[? Same date.] 44. Two other papers on the same subject. One is a list of papers, and the other "An abridgem^t^ of Geo. Werden's case," more particularly relating to his conduct and treatment in his tidesman's place. 5 *pages.*

11 April. 45. Auditors' report to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of the R^t^ Hon. James, Earl of Carnarvon, and the state thereunto annexed of several demands upon the public in his Lordship's office, for pay, forage, mule money, and other services, due to several general officers and others, and remaining unsatisfied, which accrued when he was Paymaster-General of the Forces. The sum demanded is 6,499*l.* 10*s.* 3¼*d*, whereof 2,537*l.* 18*s.* 6¾*d.* are for extraordinaries to foreign troops, which served in Flanders, for which no proofs have been produced. The remaining sum (3,961*l.* 11*s.* 8½*d.*) is for services in the late war, and has not been allowed. 11 April 1717.

The memorial and "state." 3½ *pages.*

11 April. 46. Another report of the same auditors on another memorial of the same Earl. The Earl has produced receipts for 9,963*l.* 13*s.* 4¼*d.* The rest of the payments have been made for services done during the late wars, and have not been hitherto allowed. April 11, 1717.

The memorial and account of payments. 7 *pages.*

12 April. 47. "A list for y^e^ distribution of y^e^ [bounty] for y^e^ poor distress'd French Ministers. Cap^n^ Degulhon apointed for the say'd distribution for 3,000*l.*"

Divided under titles "Ancient Ministers," "Widows and orphans of the Ancient Ministers," "Ministers ordain'd since the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes," "Widows of y^e^ Ministers ordained since y^e^ Revocation of y^e^ Edict of Nantes," and "Additional for y^e^ churches in y^e^ countryes conformites."

"This list was made the 12^th^ of Aprill 1717, at Westminster, for the sum of three thousand pounds, w^ch^ Cap^n^ Stephen Degulhon is to pay according as it is settled in the said list. W. Canč, John London, P. King." 10 *pages.*

13 April. 48. Report of Edward Young, Surveyor of Woods, to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the timber trees in the forest of Bere, viz.,

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that there are 70 trees fit for the service of the Navy. Recommends that the like number be spared from being felled out of the 300 from the New Forest for the service of the dock at Portsmouth. April 13, 1717.

Minuted:—"17th April 1717. Read. Order'd accordingly. Warrt sign'd 25th April." 1 *page*.

17 April. 49. "17th April 1717. An accot showing the quantity of tin unsold, in whose custody the same is remayning, the value thereof, reckoned at the rates the same is at present to be sold for, and what sumes of money are now chargeable thereupon." 1 *page*.

19 April. 50. Lord Sunderland to the Lords of the Treasury, On the petition of Benjamin Joules, of Plymouth, and the Solicitor-General's report thereon. His Majesty thinks it very just that recompense should be made for the clay taken for the docks at Portsmouth and Plymouth, digged from the petitioner's land. Inquiry to be made on oath as to the quantity taken, and payment made at the rate of 12*d*. per ton.

At the foot is:—"Il ne s'agit que de 150ll sterling 16.6." 2 *pages*.

20 April. 51. Report of Edward Young, Surveyor-General, to the Lords of the Treasury, on a letter of Lord Cobham. Has viewed the fences round the new planted coppices at Swindley Rails, in Windsor Forest, and finds them so decayed, that unless repaired, the deer, by cropping the young coppices, will prevent its ever being a cover for his Majesty's game. The work besides material would amount to 294*l*. April 20th, 1717.

Minuted:—"4th July 1717. To be layd before the King.

The letter referred to, and an epitome of both in French [probably prepared for the King,] 3 *pages and* 2 *lines*.

[? About 25 April.] 52. Petition of shipwrights and other artificers of his Majesty's yards at Deptford and Woolwich, to the Lords of the Treasury. Their wages have been unpaid for 19 months, and they have had no payment for 10 months past. By reason whereof, and the extraordinary dearness of provisions, they cannot subsist, being denied further credit. Many have been arrested, and have assigned their wages at 2*s*. 6*d*. and 3*s*. in the pound loss, besides the charges of the bills of sale. Pray payment for at least one year.

Minuted:—"25th April 1717. My Lords will speak wth the Comrs Navy, when they attend." 1 *page*.

30 April. 53. A. Spotswood, Lieut.-Governor of Virginia, to the Lords of Trade. *Docqueted*:—"Relating to the unjust proceedings of the Government of South Carolina with regard to forces sent to their assistance [against the Indians], and to Mr Kennedy's soliciting that affair in Carolina, &c." Dated April 30, 1717.

Notwithstanding that Government solemnly engaged that they would make good whatever articles their agents should conclude, for the encouragement of men to go from hence into their service, yet not one article of their agreement has been observed. By the treaty or agreement the soldiers sent from hence were to be paid 22*s.* 6*d.* Virginia money, per month, to have clothes furnished to them, and an able labouring slave sent to work on their plantations during their absence. Yet after their arrival in that Government they were compelled to accept of 4*l.* a man per month, Carolina money, in lieu of their pay, clothing, and slave, the value of which is not more than 20*s.* of "this country money." Those who would not accept of that pay were denied the liberty of returning to Virginia, &c. Not one of the servants is returned, nor one penny remitted to the masters for the loss of their service, and the greater part of those in debt are either enticed by the Government to stay there, or terrified from returning hither, &c. Letters from the Governor and Council, &c. acknowledge that their country owes its preservation to the seasonable succours sent from hence. In a few days after their arrival they defeated a body of Indians who were advanced within a few miles of Charles Town, and without this assistance that country was utterly unable to defend its frontier garrison against the enemy. While the war continued the Government of South Carolina gave repeated assurances that they would comply with their engagements; they even passed an Act of Assembly that the slaves mentioned in the treaty should be sent hither by the beginning of April 1716, if the Government did not accept an equivalent of 50*s.*, Carolina money, per month, in lieu of each slave; but no sooner had they reduced their enemies and brought them to a peace, than the Government plainly declared they were neither to have the slaves nor the equivalent.

Asks their L^ps^ to interpose with his Majesty, to oblige the Government of South Carolina to do them justice. The bearer, M^r^ Kennedy, has received no other satisfaction for his services than the bare thanks of the Government, such being the deficiency of the revenue, that even notwithstanding his Majesty's bounty out of the quit-rents, it is not sufficient to defray the ordinary expense of the Government. Hopes he may have some recompense out of the quit-rents. Virginia, 30 April 1717. 7 *pages* (*a copy*).

[? About 30 April.] 54. Memorial of Marmaduke Bealing, Esq., Secretary to the Controllers of the Army, to the Lords of the Treasury. Understands that an application has been made to their L^ps^ for an extra allowance to the Judge Advocate for his extraordinary trouble in attending the Board of General Officers for inspecting and regulating the clothing of the Army. The whole business of the Clothing Board is managed by memorialist and his clerks, who keep all the books, &c. The part the Judge Advocate has in the affair is once in two months to remind the Board of General Officers at the Horse Guards to elect a new committee of seven for the Board of Clothing, and to return to their L^ps^ and the Captain-General every two months an account of the proceedings of the Clothing Board, which is sent ready drawn up.

Minuted:—"30^th^ April 1717. Read."

Certificate of the general officers in corroboration of the above.

Copy of both the above. 4 *pages.*

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Another paper showing what his salary and fee amounted to, and the allowance he proposed.

Minuted :—" April 1717. A warr^{t} to be prepared inserting the Surv^{r} of the Wayes as one of the off^{rs} constituting his Ma^{ts} Board of Works, at a salary of 200*l.* per ann., and the care of mending the ways to be put under the Board of Workes." 1 *page* 2 *halves.*

[? About April.] 56. Memorial of the Directors of the United East India Company to the Lords of the Treasury, complaining of the conduct of M^{r} Boughton, Surveyor of the Port of Deal, who came on board the company's ship " Queen," and broke open and searched various parts of the ship for French brandy. Also for having on another occasion prevailed on the captain of a ship of war in the Downs to fire several shots at the ship " King George." Praying that he might be dismissed.

Copies of three other documents and an affidavit on the same subject. 6 *pages.*

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2 May. 1. Memorial of the Com^{rs} for Licensing Hawkers, Pedlers, and Petty Chapmen, to the Lords of the Treasury. Laying before them an account of the several salaries payable to the Com^{rs} and other officers appointed for the receipt and management of the duties on hawkers, &c. 2 May 1717.

The account referred to. 2 *pages.*

6 May. 2. The Duke of Bolton to the Lords of the Treasury. Has chosen M^{r} Webster, one of their L^{ps}' clerks, for his secretary in the affairs of Ireland with a view to do him service, and not to remove him from the settlement he hath in the Treasury. Prays that he may have leave of absence, and that he may enjoy his salary, and not suffer in his pretensions in the office whilst in this service. 6 May 1717.

In the *Minute Book,* Vol. 21, p. 106, 14 May, is :—" Their Lordships do agree to the request of the said Duke, made in M^{r} Webster's behalf, and every part thereof, and have ordered this Minute tobe made accordingly." [The letter itself is also entered in the *Minute Book.*] 1 *page.*

11 May. 3. " An apportionment of 1,275,439*l.* 5*s.* 8*d.* remaining undisposed of the funds granted for the service of the year 1717. 11 May 1717." 1 *large page.*

11 May. 4. Account of the Duke of Argyle for the money received by him and laid out for his Majesty's service in Scotland during the late Rebellion. 11 May 1717. 5 *pages.*

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13 May. 5. Memorial of A. Cracherode to the Lords of the Treasury in favour of payment of the witnesses concerning the abuses in Chelsea Hospital until after the trials are over. 13 May 1717.

Minuted:—"14th May 1717. The witnesses to be paid till the tryal depending is over." 1 *page*.

15 May. 6. Memorial of the Same to the Same. Applies for the fees of Mr Baron Fortescue and Mr Lawrence Carter, for their services as two of his Majesty's Counsel at Carlisle, on the special Commission for trying the rebels there. Mr Baron Fortescue alleges that he was promised 500*l*. for his service before he set out from London. And Mr Carter, who had before been one of the King's Counsel at Liverpool on the like occasion, together with Sir Francis Page, one of the King's Serjeants-at-Law, alleges that he had the same fee for his attendance at Liverpool as Mr Serjeant Page had, which induced him to hope that he might be ordered the same fee as Mr. Baron Fortescue. 15 May, 1717. ½ *page*.

15 May. 7. Thomas Missing to John Scrope, Esq. Is sending a ship for the Mahon provisions. Is informed by Mr Boulton, his agent at Gibraltar, that bombs had fallen into the victualling stores and spoiled some of the provisions and rendered the storehouses useless. The agent had obtained an order from the governor to move the provisions into the church at great expense. The church is not large enough to hold sufficient provisions for so numerous a garrison. Prays for a further advance to carry on such weighty supplies. Portsmouth, 15 May 1717. 2 *pages*.

21 May. 8. An account of the whole charge of the transportation of the Dutch troops, taken into his Majesty's service during the late Rebellion, back to Holland in June and July 1716. Transport Office, 21 May 1717. 1 *large page*.

22 May. 9. A schedule or table of the fees and salaries of the officers of his Majesty's Mint, payable by the Warden. Mint Office, 22 May 1717. Certified by Richard Sandford and Isaac Newton. 2 *pages*.

24 May. 10. Report of the Controllers of the Army Accounts (Meadows and Bruce) to the Lords of the Treasury, on four lists, signed by the Deputy Governor at Gibraltar, &c., as to the number of persons victualled in that garrison. Privy Garden, 24 May 1717.

The lists, &c. 3 *pages*.

27 May. 11. Gilbert More to ———. Was the first person employed in foraging his Majesty's forces in North Britain during the late Rebellion until the arrival of Capt Burroughs with his Majesty's Commission as Commissary-General. Prays that justice may be done him to prevent the ruin of himself and family. London, 27 May 1717. 1 *page*.

27 May. 12. "The humble representation of Robert Pine, charged as security for Thomas Crabb, who entered into articles with one Crosby, duly to return all moneys that Crosby should pay him in his collection of the duty of Excise, humbly offered to the Right

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Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, being the substance of the whole, comprehended in several petitions and answers thereto by the Commissioners of Excise." Prays speedy orders for his relief. 27 May 1717.

Minuted:—"9th July 1717. My Lords appoint Thursday month for a hearing." *Again*:—"25 Octr 1717. My Lords have read again the rept of the Comrs of Excise and this replication, and do concur in opinion with the Comrs, and therefore cannot advise the King to remit this money, which is appropriated by sevll Acts of Parliament."

Also four petitions and a report by the Comrs of Excise thereon. 9 *pages.*

30 May. 13. The Board of Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury as to an arrear of powder due to the King of Portugal. By the grand Treaty of Alliance, her late Majesty was bound to furnish annually two thirds of 4,000 quintals of powder, Portuguese weight. The Portuguese quintal was 122lb. and this was equal 128lb. English. The difference will amount to 4,295*l.* 12*s.* 10*d.* If this is ordered they cannot part with so considerable a sum unless they have what is due from Ireland for arms and ammunition sent there during the late Rebellion, amounting to 12,601*l.* 10*s.* It is impossible for this office to pay what is due from them, unless they are paid what is justly due to them. 30 May 1717.

Minuted:—"31st May 1717. Read." 2 *pages.*

[? About May.] 14. Petition of Francis Fox, Lieut. of one of the independent companies in Placentia, Newfoundland, now composed into a regiment, and commanded by Col. Philips, to the King. Served at the battle of Almanza in Spain. In 1710 was at the reduction of Annapolis Royal. In 1711 was taken prisoner by the Indians, when he suffered inexpressible miseries by those "salvages," being shipwrecked, and for four months had not bread to eat, and had only for sustenance clam-fish and seal oil, travelling through the woods 1,800 miles naked, "nearly" escaping being roasted alive. Prays the grant of a company.

Also two certificates in his favour, one of which is dated 15 May 1717. 2 *pages.*

1 June. 15. "List of Pensions" under the following heads:—

To his Royal Highness, George Prince of Wales, on his annuity of 100,000*l.*

A list of pensions payable at the Exchequer, exclusive of 20,000*l.* to the Prince. 1st June 1717.

Pensions payable at the Exchequer.

By Tallies of prô or assig[n]mt on first fruits and tenths. 1 June 1717.

Pensions payable by the cashier of Excise, exclusive of 10,000*l.* to the Prince.

Stipends and pensions in his Mats household and stables, payable by the Cofferer.

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Pensions payable by William Clayton, Esq., during his Ma^{ts} pleasure.

A list of French pensions, payable by Jacob de la Motte Blagny.

Pensions payable by the Treasurer of the Navy.

Pensions payable in the Paymaster-General's office on the establishment of the forces.

Pensions borne upon the Establishment of Ireland. 53 *pages or parts of pages.*

3 June. 16. J. Williams to the R^{t} Hon. James Stanhope, Esq., Secretary of State. Two breaches were made in the fortification of the garrison [Annapolis] occasioned by sudden rains, since which there is another of about 45 feet. The contingent bills drawn on the Board of Ordnance are protested, which has lessened the credit of those bills so much, that the repair of the breaches cannot be gone on with; and without some speedy means be found, the garrison will be dangerously exposed in case of an attempt by the Indians or otherwise. Also recommends to his attention the victualling and clothing of the troops. Annapolis Royal, 3 June 1717. 1 *page.*

[? About 6 June.] 17. An account of the several persons standing in debt to the revenue on salt, Easter term, and the proceedings that have been made against them, and what has been recovered.

"Rec^{d} 6th June 1717 per M^{r} Johnson." 9 *pages.*

6 June. 18. Declaration of the account of William Smith, Esq., executor of Simon Smith, Esq., defunct, late Receiver-General of the Revenues of the counties of Southampton, Wilts, Gloucester, Somerset, and Dorset, for the term ended at Michaelmas 1694. *Signed*:—"Tho. Jett, Aud^{r}. 6to Junii 1717."

Minuted:—"28 Feb. 1717–18. To be considered w^{n} any money in the Excheq^{r} of K. W. arrears."

Also a petition of Adam Anderson, gent., in relation thereto. 2 *pages.*

[? About 7 June.] 19. Representation of Sir Bibye Lake, Bart., to the Lords of the Treasury as regards the estate of M^{r} Robert Peters, late Receiver-General for the county of Hertford, who was indebted to her late Majesty 13,149*l.* 10*s.* 7½*d.* [Sir Biby Lake had, under certain conditions, undertaken the settlement of this debt, and had paid into the Exchequer 2,257*l.* 4*s.* 10¼*d.* General Wills also claimed an interest in the estate.] Sir Bibye Lake asks that immediate directions be given that the estates and effects of M^{r} Peter and the bonds may be assigned to him, or that the 2,257*l.* 4*s.* 10½*d.* (for which a tally was struck and assignments deposited) might be repaid and re-delivered to him.

Minuted:—"7th June 1717. My Lords appoint Thursday senight peremptorily for the hearing between both partys. L^{re} sign'd and sent 8th D^{o}." 2 *pages.*

11 June. 20. Report of the Com^{rs} for Hackney coaches, &c. to the Lords of the Treasury, upon the Hackney Coachmen's petition. The latter complain of irregular disposal of licences, and include "the

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case of the widow Gunnell by itself," and ask to have a new clause in an Act of Parliament, to make their licenses absolute property to themselves, their executors, &c., "for the remainder of the term of 32 years." The Com^rs answer the first part of the petition fully, and conclude thus :—"Upon the whole, if in the great hurry of the first licencing, and the short time we had for it, three or four mistakes happened in bestowing 800 licenses (for the last hundred of which we are generally understood not to be under so much restraint from the direction of the Act, when 700, the old numbers had been well bestowed) we submit it to your Lordships' favourable construction."

As to the second part they are of opinion the coachmen have little cause to complain, for a licence that costs them nothing but 1*s.* 6*d.* for the stamp, and 2*s.* 6*d.* to the clerk for writing, may be sold for 40*l.*, or may be let out at the rent of 8*s.* or 9*s.* a week, though 5*s.* only is the rent paid to the Crown. Under the former law they could assign and devise during that term, but then they paid a fine of 50*l.* for it.—Office for Hackney Coaches, &c., 11 June 1717.

Minuted :—"12th June 1717. The answer to the complaint read; the coachman's clause, as altered by the Com^rs, to be further considered. My Lords direct the Com^rs to give the widow Gunnel the first licence that shall be vacant. 18th June 1717. My Lords order a copie of this report to be made for the Hackney coachmen." 6 *pages* (*brief size*).

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. 21, p. 137, 29 July 1717 is :—

"The petition of the Hackney coachmen relating to, and setting forth several hardships put upon them by the Com^rs, and likewise the draught of a clause to be offered to the parl^t, whereby they propose to advance the sum of ten thousand pounds for the use of his Ma^tie, upon condition their licences for the remainder of their term of 32 years may be assignable by will, or otherwise. The said petition & clause were referr'd to the Com^rs for Licencing Hackney Coaches, &c., who thereupon returned an answer to the said petition, & made sev^ll amendments & alterac̃ons in the clause; copies of both which have been given to the Hackney coachmen by their Lordps. order, who have made a reply thereto, in answer to the several articles of defence made by the Com^rs & have annexed 2 affidavits made by 2 of their number against M^r Sutton, one of the Com^rs, for bribery &c. These several papers being read, my Lords direct Abraham Canes and Joseph Gamball (the persons who made the affidavits) to attend their Lordps. to-morrow."

13 June. 21. Proposal of Richard Jones to the Lords of the Treasury for furnishing copper fillets for farthings and halfpence, viz.: to allow the Government 3*d.* out of each pound of copper coined, whilst at the price it now is, but the proposer intends allowing ½*d.* a pound when the price falls 5*l.* per ton, and when the price falls to the old rate, or 95*l.* per ton, the public profit will be 6*d.* out of every 2*s.* coined, &c. Falcon, on the Bankside, Southwark, 13 June 1717. 1 *page*.

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[About 13 June.] 22. Memorial of Col. John Armstrong, Quartermaster-General, to the King. Was employed as a Commissioner to inspect the demolition of Dunkirk and the filling up the old port, during which he had two violent malignant fevers. Was resolved to see the 9th Article of the Peace of Utrecht strictly executed, but was twice tempted in relation thereto, yet rejected the offers made. His Majesty allowed 3*l.* a day for the service, 2*l.* of which had been detained. Sir James Abercrombie, whose case was the same, had received his allowance. Prays that the 730*l.* detained from him may be paid.

Referred to the Treasury, 13 June 1717.

With some further particulars on the back.

Minuted:—"26 June 1717. M^{r} Armstrong to be paid the remaining 2^{li} a day." 2 *pages.*

[? About 13 June.] 23. Memorial of Thomas Crispe, Esq., late sheriff of the county of Lancaster, to the Lords of the Treasury. The great hurry and confusion of affairs in that county at the opening of the commission for trying the rebels there, occasioned a much greater expense to memorialist, than otherwise he would have incurred. It required his utmost vigilance to disappoint the endeavours of the enemies to the Government. It is now 12 months since, and he cannot produce vouchers, and at the time they could not have been obtained for all the payments he was obliged to make. The usual profits of the sheriff amounted to 800*l.*, but by the Rebellion they did not amount to half. He was obliged to attend the assizes for near 10 weeks for trial of the rebels, instead of two weeks, the ordinary charge whereof did not exceed 300*l.* per week. His zeal has raised him many great enemies and his own affairs have suffered very much. Asks for some reward.

On the back is:—"I beg leave to recommend M^{r} Crisp's case to your Lordships. Tho. Johnson."—"13th June 1717. Read." 1 *page.*

[? About 19 June.] 24. Petition of Sarah Matthews, widow of Brigadier William Matthews, deceased, to the King. Prays that her pension of 100*l.* per ann. now paid in M^{r} Chetwyn's office, may be paid out of the quit-rents in Virginia, she being anxious to return thither.

Minuted:—"19th June 1717. His Ma^{ty} cannot grant this penc͠on for her life. The quit-rents of Virginia are overcharged wth penc͠ons already. My Lords therefore think it more for her interest to have her penc͠on continued to be paid where it now is." 1 *page.*

20 June. 25. Petition of Richard Wolley of the city of Worcester, Attorney-at-Law, to the Lords of the Treasury. One Benjamin Pearkes, an alderman of the city of Worcester, having several times, above two years since, drunk the Pretender's health, by the name of King James the Third, and spoken several abusive words of the present King and his family, petitioner was employed to draw up affidavits, &c., whereupon Pearkes was apprehended, and is under prosecution; prays that his bill may be paid. June 20, 1717.

The bill referred to.

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Minuted:—"26th June 1717. Ref. to Mr Cracherode to consider the several articles in the annexed bill and report to my Lords thereupon." 2 *pages.*

[? About 20 June.] 26. Petition of John Mercer to the Lords of the Treasury. Is appointed by letters patent, chief clerk of his Majesty's works. The Comrs object to his acting, alleging that the instructions by which they govern themselves, have not such large powers as the patent. Prays their Lordships to appoint a short day for hearing and determining this dispute.

Minuted:—"20th June 1717. A copie to be sent to the Board of Workes for their answer."

Also "a short abstract of Mr Mercer's patent." 2 *pages.*

21 June. 27. Account between Ireland and the Office of Ordnance, between 1700 and 1715–16. Signed: "Edw. Ashe Cl. Ordñ." Dated 21 June 1717. 1 *page, brief size.*

21 June. 28. "Resol. of the Commons about St Xt̃phers." 21 June 1717, viz.: that the lands in the Island of St Christophers, yielded by France to Britain, by the Treaty of Utrecht be sold to the best advantage, and that the produce of the same be applied to the use of the public. $\frac{1}{4}$ *page.*

22 June. 29. Report of P. Medows, Ja. Bruce, and J. Merrill to the King, on the several papers transmitted to them from many officers relating to the garrison of Annapolis Royal, and on the examination of Colonel Nicholson, Col. Vetch, and divers officers and others who have been there. Lay before his Majesty the present state and condition of that garrison and the country about it, with what appears the most likely means to protect and improve the trade in those parts, together with some account how the disorders and confusions in the accounts of the garrison have arisen, and proposals for remedying the same. The garrison of Port Royal, now called Annapolis Royal, was taken from the French at the beginning of October 1710 by a detachment of marines and country troops of New England, under the command of Col. Nicholson, and Col. Vetch was appointed governor thereof. There is a demand on the public of 20,000*l.* for the reduction and provisioning the place. The garrison, for want of advice or assistance from Great Britain, for above three years after it was taken, were under very great necessities, and the governor promised them that they would be allowed both pay and provisions, and upon the captains attesting their accounts, they should be allowed the money borrowed by them for the support of their companies. Can think of no other fund for reimbursing the captains but the respites upon the companies.

The officers prayed to be repaid the money they were obliged to expend for fire and candle. The very ill payment of the men obliged the officers to continue to their men some allowance of this kind, to prevent their mutinying or deserting. The officers durst not send them to the woods to cut their own firing, but were forced to employ labourers to fell it and bring it to the garrison. Recommend that they should be allowed 400*l.* for the four companies out of the respites. By the bad clothing they were obliged to take out of the Canada stores, the men were quite naked in a much less time than that clothing should have lasted, and they had to take more at double the value. The controllers of the army accounts thought it very reasonable that one third of this charge should be abated, and his Majesty approved, but for want of any fund the companies have received nothing of the abatement (713*l.* 14*s.* 2*d.*). The captains complain of the exorbitant price of the provisions contracted for by Col. Vetch, and supplied by Mr Borland. The excuse is, that the garrison would otherwise have perished, and Mr Borland has been kept out of the sum of 4,957*l.* 6*s.* 8½*d.* for almost four years, &c. Submit it to his Majesty whether there should be any deduction on the 7½*d.* a day for each man's provision. Submit that the clearings due should be paid to Mr Mulcaster, the present agent. The price of the provisions very much exceeds the subsistence of the private men. Propose that 4*d.* per man a day only may be deducted from 25 Dec. 1715, that amount having been always allowed by the garrison formerly at Newfoundland. It will be necessary to victual the gunners out of the provisions sent to the companies. New bedding and blankets are extremely wanted for the garrison, and the barracks to be repaired, to protect the men from the weather. Propose divers orders and instructions to prevent confusions and difficulties for the future. The trading vessels from New England encourage and entice the soldiers to desert from the garrison, to employ them on their ships. Propose that the Governor of New England should be ordered to give public notice or make proclamation to forbid all such practices, &c. Give an account of the country and the methods which will be most useful for the encouragement of trade. After describing the boundaries, soil, and products, they say the inhabitants (all natives of the country) do not exceed 800 or 900 families, who live on the sea coasts; but the French have three good settlements, viz., Annapolis Royal, Minis, and Checanecto. In these settlements and some smaller ones are 900 or 1,000 able men, but there is very little dependence to be placed on their friendship at present, for when Lieut.-Governor Caulfeild sent, in December last, to require them to take the oaths of allegiance to his Majesty, they excused themselves upon pretence of their being afraid of the Indians, except his Majesty had a greater force there to protect them, and they would only promise to live peaceably and not take up arms against his Majesty, the French King or any of the allies of the two Crowns. The Indians, who, by means of the French missionaries, are many of them brought over to their religion, and contract alliances with them, are too strongly engaged in the interests of the French not to join with them upon any rupture, and would consequently be too powerful for any settlement that could be made in the country, except a good force were constantly kept there. If ever a settlement should be made there, great care should be taken to make and keep it absolutely dependent upon Great Britain, and not to suffer it to be annexed to the Government of New England, as they understand has been proposed; for they not only consume much less of the products of Great Britain than formerly, but have taken away great part of the profits of the fishing trade from us. The most certain and immediate benefit Great Britain may expect from the country of Nova Scotia is, by the improvement of the fishing trade, for they are informed that the fish often change their haunts, and the fishing has for some time failed on the banks of Newfoundland; and they are assured that from Cape Sable to the Gut of Canco is now the most plentiful fishing in all North America, with great conveniences for curing the fish and a variety of good harbours all along the coast, and is capable of vast improvement if the trade is well protected. Propose that, instead of the present large garrison, a small fort should be made according to the plan proposed by the Board of Ordnance for securing the harbour of Placentia; that a smaller fort be built at Jennis Straits, the entrance into the British river going up to Annapolis Royal and [into] the great bason, being the finest and largest in all America, where thousands of the greatest vessels may ride safely in the worst weather. This is now open to all privateers, but by this means would upon all occasions be a secure retreat to our trading ships upon the coast. Also recommend another small fort to be erected at Chebucto, Le Havre, or some other place between Cape Sable and the Gut of Canco. Further suggest that a fitly qualified person should be appointed as governor of the country of Nova Scotia, who might in time reconcile the French and Indians to his Majesty's Government, and induce them to bring their trade into the hands of the subjects of his Majesty, instead of carrying it to Quebeck, for though the French had liberty by the peace to remove within a year, yet they show no inclination to quit the country, nor is it probable that they will desire it, except they are provoked to it by very ill usage, in which case they may be tempted to join the Indians and fall on his Maiesty's forces, rather than abandon their settlement, for Cape Breton, whither they proposed to retire with their cattle, &c., upon the cession of this country, is found to be a barren rock, at least the greater part, so that if encouraged and kept from the influence of the French missionaries, it might be hoped that their children at least would be good subjects. 22 June 1717.

Also an abstract of the several proposals, and an estimate of an establishment for the garrison of the forts referred to.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. 21, p. 136, 27 July 1717, is:—"Write to Com^{rs} Victualling to provide 12 months' provisions for the garrisons of Annapolis and Placentia, pursuant to his Ma^{ts} pleasure, signified to them by M^{r} Sec^{ry} Addison, and to send my Lords an account of the charge thereof, both in respect to the victualling and transportac͞on, and to take care that the ships sail before the 20th of August next." 25 *pages.*

22 June. 30. "Report of Mr. Neale (Deputy Clerk of the Pipe), relating to the case of the Master and Fellows of Trinity College, Cambridge." Relating to a yearly sum of 20*l.*, payable to them by the sheriffs out of the profits of the counties of Bedford and Buckingham in

arrear amounting to 320*l.*; also to another yearly sum of 8 marks from the same counties, on which there was 48*l.* due. The occasion of so great an arrear is partly by reason of the great sums disbursed for conviction of clippers, coiners, burglars, and highwaymen, and partly by the neglect of the College in not demanding the sums at the Pipe Office. Pipe Office, 22 June 1717. 2 *pages.*

29 June. 31. Copy of a letter from Mr Secretary Addison to the Lords of the Treasury, signifying the King's pleasure that John Armstrong and Jacob Ackworth, Esq., should be paid 3*l.* per day for their attendance at the demolition of the works at Dunkirk and Mardyke, and 3*l.* a day to Thomas Lascelles, Esq., for such days as he supplied the place of the above in their absence. Further, that 200*l.* each should be advanced to Mr Armstrong and Mr Lascelles, and 100*l.* to Mr. Ackworth. Whitehall, 29 June 1717. 1 *page.*

[? About 29 June.] 32. John Heathcote to the Lords of the Treasury. Mr Lethieullier has bought a walk upon Epping Forest, and has a warren adjoining to it. The man that rents it of him (one Samuel Hebbon) he has made his keeper, by which means he protects his rabbits that are upon the forest. If before he had the walk he suffered his rabbits to increase so much upon the heath, which is the best lying for the deer upon that side of the forest, what will he not do now he has power? It being already very dangerous riding, and the burrows continually increasing, it will be every day worse and worse. The warren is no charter warren, but if it is so, he is not to make a warren upon the King's Forest. This warrener has not only banked up several passages over his warren, which were always bridle ways, but sometimes makes pitfalls, which are in byepaths, holes dug about two feet deep, and about two feet square. He lays little sticks cross the top of the hole, and then places the turf exactly upon it, so that it is not easily to be seen. Gives instances of the mischief arising. Is informed these practices are no ways allowable upon a forest, nor is a warrener a proper person for a keeper. Asks if the keeper should receive any salary till the forest is put in the condition it was.

Minuted:—"29th June 1717. Ref. to the Survr lands." 1 *page.*

[? About June.] 33. Petition of William Atkinson for himself, Mary, his wife, Agmondesham Atkinson, their son, and the rest of their children, finishing:—"Wherefore yor petr most humbly prays yor Lordsp̃s, in consideration of the 5,552*l.* 5*s.*, wch is a debt due from the Crown, and that only the interest is paid for 1,345*l.* 13*s.* that yor Lordsps wou'd be pleased to order that yor petr, Mary his wife, and Agmondesham, their son, may be minuted to receive the 40*l.* a year pension, or interest, with the four years and a half arrears."

Also "The case and pedigree of Mary Atkinson. wife of William Atkinson, of the parish of St Giles in the Fields, in the county of Middlesex, brewer," and

Copy of warrant of King Charles II. to the Lords of the Treasury to pay to Agmondesham Pickayes, goldsmith, 1,345*l.* 13*s.* 3 *pages.*

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2 July. 34. "An accot of money absolutely necessary for the service of the Office of Ordnance." 2 July 1717.

Minuted:—"4th July 1717. Trear̃er of the Ordnance to dispose of the Bank annuity in his hands for the service within mencõned, and prepare a warrt to the audrs to charge the int. arising thereupon to the accot of the said Trear̃er.

My Lords direct 8,000*l.*, for which tallys are to be struck in the Trearer's. name, at 4*l.* per cent., to compleat this demand." 1 *page.*

2 July. 35. Comrs of Customs (Scotland) to the Hon. William Lowndes, Esq. Had announced by letter that Mr Crawford, Collector of Borrowstoness, had seized prohibited goods to the value of 400*l.*, and being on board with six officers, apprehensive of a rescue by force, he called for six soldiers to his aid, but the mob assaulted the ship, and the soldiers were forced to fire, and one of the mob was killed. Ask that a *noli prosequi* may be directed to the Lord Advocate. 2 July 1717. 1½ *pages.*

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. 21, p. 128, 10 July 1717, is:—"Write to the Duke of Roxburghe to procure a pardon for John Crawford, Collector of Borrowstoness, who, with his assistant officers, fired upon a party or mob, who attempted to rescue a seizure of prohibited goods. His Matie having signified his pleasure that the same be prepared accordingly."

[? About 4 July.] 36. Petition of Thomas Austin, late General Receiver of Land Tax and other duties in the county of Southampton, to the Lords of the Treasury. The agents for taxes had reported the reasonableness of his being allowed 747*l.* 17*s.* on his return of 59,828*l.* 1*s.* 8*d.* for taxes in North Wales and Cheshire in the years 1699 and 1700, but he never received a farthing. For 10 years ending 1711 has received the taxes for the co. of Southampton and Isle of Wight, and has lost 1,137*l.* 6*s.* 10*d.* thereby, and has paid into the Exchequer 579,355*l.* 5*s.* 9*d.* Prays to be paid the 747*l.* 17*s.* and an allowance for the latter service.

Minuted:—"4th July 1717. To be brought in another time." 1 *page.*

8 July. 37. Auditor's certificate as to how far the several accountants have passed their accounts before them. 8 July 1717.

Minuted:—"9th July 1717. When Mr Audr Harley returns out of the country he will inform my Lords thereof, who will appoint him and Mr Audr Foley to attend in order to the considering the state of the accounts now depending before them." 9 *pages.*

9 July. 38. Memorial of Sir Bibye Lake, Bart., to the Lords of the Treasury, in reference to a dispute between him and General Wills over the debt due to the Crown from Mr Robert Peter. Prays that the estates and effects of the said Peter may be assigned to him (the memorialist) or that the money, with interest and assignments, now in the hands of Mrs. Taylor, widow, may be repaid to him. 9 July 1717.

Minuted:—"12th July 1717. Copie of this to Genl Wills." 1 *page.*

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1717. [? About 9 July.] 39. Petition of George Howell, Esq., late Receiver-General of Taxes for the counties of Cardigan, Carmarthen, Glamorgan, and Pembroke, and for Haverfordwest, to the Lords of the Treasury, for allowances in connexion with his accounts. In the year 1711 he was not only turned out of his receipt and likewise out of the commission of the peace for the county of Glamorgan, both which trusts he discharged with unblemished reputation for about 20 years, but likewise three writs of *extendi facias* were awarded against him for 40,000*l.* each, by virtue whereof his estate, real and personal, was extended, and he was committed to Newgate. All which inconveniences were brought upon him by the then ministry for his constant zeal for the succession of the House of Hanover.

Minuted:—"9th July 1717. Prepare a warrt according to the Act." 1 *page.*

9 July. 40. Report of the Barons of the Exchequer of Scotland to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the warrant for granting and conveying to William Duff, of Bracco, Esq., the lands of Bracco, Identore, Balveny, Edinglassie, Tippertie, Alva, &c., with certain fishings and patronages, with a confirmation of sundry rights upon lands in Strathisla, all within the sheriffdom of Banff. "Edinr." 9 July 1717. 2 *pages.*

[? About 9 July.] 41. Memorial of Anne, Duchess of Buccleuch, and Francis, Earl of Dalkeith, to the King. The united parishes of Langholm and Wauchope (containing Half-Mortoun) are too large to be served by one minister, and therefore at present the minister every third Sunday is obliged to preach at Half-Mortoun, four miles distant from his manse, and the rest of the parish every third Sunday are deprived of Divine Service at the parish church. If the lands of Half-Mortoun were disjoined from that parish and annexed to a neighbouring parish, the stipend out of it being 11*l.* 18*s.*, must be taken from the minister of Langholm-Wauchope and annexed to the provision of the minister of the parish to which it is annexed, and then the minister of Langholm-Wauchope will be unprovided with a competent stipend. There is another discouragement in a neighbouring parish, viz., that of Eskdale-Muir, whereof the provision for the minister is only 44*l.* sterling, the charge being very considerable, making the catechising the people and visiting the sick a very great labour. The property of these parishes chiefly belongs to the memorialists, who pay a duty of 15*l.* 11*s.* 1*d.* per ann. to the Crown, as coming in the place of the Bishop of Galloway, for the tithes of the parish of Langholm *alias* Staple-Gordon. This applied to make up the 11*l.* 18*s.* to be taken from the minister of Langholm as aforesaid, and the remainder, being 93*l.* 13*s.* 1*d.*, being given to the minister of Eskdale-Muir, in augmentation of his stipend, both these inconveniences would be removed and the teinds would be applied to the natural use, that is to the provision of parochial ministers. Pray for a grant of the teinds of the parish of Langholm, *alias* Staple-Gordon, with the burthen of the sum of 11*l.* 18*s.*, to be paid yearly to the ministers of Langholm and Wauchope, and of 3*l.* 13*s.* 1*d.* as an addition to the stipend of the minister of Eskdale-Muir.

Referred to the Lords of the Treasury, 9 July 1717. 1 *page.*

[? About 11 July.] 42. Memorial of Hugh Hughes, gent., to the Lords of the Treasury. Was employed several years as Resident at the Diet of Ratisbon, and since as Commissary for England and Holland for the affairs of Hungary, which he executed with great danger and no less care and content to the mediators. Prays to be put on the Establishment to support his family.

Two inclosures. Two others are not now with it.

Minuted:—"11th July 1717. To be put upon M^{r} Clayton's est. at the pencõn of 50^{li} p ann." 4 *pages.*

11 July. 43. Report of the Surveyor-General (Cholmley) to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Richard Transum, guardian to Brewster Lamb, grandson of Patrick Lamb, deceased, respecting a tenement in the pastry yard in Whitehall, burnt down with the palace, the term of the lease of which expired on 10th May last. In favour of a further lease. 11 July 1717.

Minuted:—"Granted to M^{rs} Dunch."

Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

14 July. 44. Memorial of Lieut. Alexander M^{c}Donald to the Lords of the Treasury. Has been employed "in certain services by my Lord Stairs in France," for which his Lordship recommended him to the King and the Lords of the Treasury. Prays for a pension for life or a sum of money. July 14, 1717. 1 *page.*

15 July. 45. Report of the Controllers of the Accounts of the Army to the Lords of the Treasury, on certain lists of the persons victualled in the garrison of Gibraltar, and on the quantity of provisions laid into his Majesty's storehouses there by the contractor. Find that 3,915*l.* 5*s.* 5½*d.* are due to the contractor. 15 July 1717.

Minuted:—"12th Aug^{t} 1717. Order'd." 3 *pages.*

16 July. 46. Proposal for the improvement of the copper coin made to the Lords of the Treasury. The coin should be of the full value of the copper, each side concave, the edges high, so as to protect the device. It should also commemorate historical events. London, 16 July 1717. 1 *page.*

[? About 16 July.] 47. Petition of William Wallis, Esq., to the Lords of the Treasury. King William III. granted to John Hill, Esq., and Ralph Hardwick, merchant, a lease for 51 years of the forest or chase of Arkilgarthdale, &c. in Yorkshire, of the value of 300*l.* per ann., concealed from the Crown, but the same were neglected to be recovered. Petitioner has discovered that these lands are still concealed from the Crown, and will expend sufficient for the recovery thereof. Prays a grant of a new lease of the premises for 31 years.

Minuted:—"16 July 1717. Ref. to the Surv^{r} Gen^{ll}." *Again*, "20th July 1717. My Lords will advise the King to give the pet^{r} a lease for 31 years, reserving in rent the 3^{d} part of w^{t} shall be recovered, provided he will first give satisfaction to Mr Hill and his wife, who was executx to Colo Douglas, for their disbursemts towards recovering the same." 1 *page.*

[? About 16 July.] 48. Petition of Thomas Byerley to the Lords of the Treasury Was appointed Receiver-General of Customs of New York in 1702. Continued in that employment till 1716, when some person represented him to the Lords of the Treasury as a person disaffected to H.M. Government, and in so private a manner, that before he was apprized of it his office was granted to another; whereas he was always well affected to his Majesty and the Protestant succession. Sends testimonial of the Governor and Council. Was entitled to 200*l.* per ann. as salary out of the quit rents. Prays a pension out of the quit rents or any other moneys, &c.

Minuted:—"9th April 1718. Enquire who Dixon is, and by whom recomended."

The testimonial referred to, stating that the suggestion that he was disaffected, was utterly false. Dated 16 July 1717. 2 *pages.*

[? About 17 July.] 49. Memorial of Thomas Sabourn to the Lords of the Treasury. Has suffered very much, and is almost ruined by his services to the Government during the late Rebellion in Northumberland. Lost his business, which was better to him than 200*l.* per ann., and the Lord Chancellor thought his desire to have 200*l.* was not unreasonable. Prays directions thereon.

Minuted:—"17th July 1717. 40li p Mr Lowther." 1 *page.*

18 July. 50. Mr Secretary Addison to the Rt Hon. Viscount Stanhope. Having at last got over the troublesome affair of Manni, the Venetian, encloses the account of the expense thereof, amounting to 165*l.* 18*s.* 3*d.* Manni is not likely to give the Government any further trouble. Prays payment to be made to Mr Thomas Bambridge, who has been very instrumental in bringing the matter to a conclusion; also for 10*l.* as a gratification to him for his trouble. Whitehall, 18 July 1717.

The account referred to.

Minuted:—"Wt for this by vertue of the letters pats dormt." 2 *pages.*

19 July. 51. R. Howe to "My Lord." Prays that the Keepers of the Holt and Woolmer Forest may be paid their salaries, and that his Lordship will consider of some way to prevent the disorders, daily committed by great numbers of persons coming disguised, which the small number of keepers are not able to resist. Has several times presented memorials, but nothing has been done for the preservation of the forest. Holt Forest, July 19, 1717.

Minuted:—"25th Septr 1717. Lord Stanhope to be reminded abt this." 2 *pages.*

19 July. 52. Warrant of the Lords of the Treasury on the report of the Surveyor-General, made on the memorial of the Hon. Algernoon Greville, and Nicholas Proctor, Esq., executors of Mary, Duchess Dowager of Beaufort, deceased, praying for a renewal of a lease of

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the Hundred of Grumbolds-Ash, in the county of Gloucester, and the office of bailiff and bailiwick of the same, for three lives, at the rent of 6*l.* 10*s.* without fine. The surveyor conceives that the profits are not much above the rent; but it being a Royalty and jurisdiction round about Badmington, the seat of the Duke of Beaufort, is what renders it desirable. The warrant approves of the report, and the passing of a new lease to the Hon. James Bertie and Doddington Greville, Esq^{res}, in trust for Henry, the present Duke of Beaufort, for 99 years, &c. at the above rent. 19 July 1717.

The memorial and report. 3 *pages.*

[? About 19 July.] 53. Petition of the widow Agnes Leigh, to the Lords of the Treasury. Has presented a petition to the King (of which a copy is annexed). Prays for assistance. *French.*

Minuted:—"To be laid before y^{e} King. 19 July 1717. My L^{ds} agree to move his Maj^{ty} that in consideration of y^{e} pet^{rs} great sufferings his Maj^{ty} will be graciously pleasd to grant to her a pension of 100^{li} p an.

Warr^{t} sign^{d} for 100^{li} p ann."

[Her petition to the King states that she was imprisoned under the belief that she disapproved of the measures taken against the Protestants in King James's time, and by espousing the cause of the many prisoners, and assisting them, she had endangered her life. King William gave her husband a commissionership of sick and wounded seamen, which he held till his death. Prays his Majesty to grant her a pension for herself and four children.] *French.* 3 *pages.*

[? After 18 July.] 54. Petition of William Pitt, keeper of H.M. gaol of Newgate, to the R^{t} Hon. James Viscount Stanhope. By order of the Lords of the Council and the Secretaries of State he made provision for the reception of about 70 of the rebels, brought from Preston, and for about 30 more brought from the Tower and Fleet Prison, which obliged him to buy above 40 new beds, bedding, and other furniture, as well in the common gaol as the Press Yard, which cost a great deal, and which by their spitefulness and malice, as well as slovenliness, were left worth little or nothing. Besides which, the Press Yard, with other rooms taken in upon their account, stood the petitioner in near 200*l.* per ann., and he has had no salary or other allowance from the City of London or otherwise. Has been at great charges in conducting the prisoners to their trials at Westminster, and back to Newgate, and in paying guards, &c. Has likewise been at great charges in keeping several other State prisoners, for which he has received nothing at present. Prays payment of his bills or for other relief.

Annexed are three accounts of the expenses referred to. The last is:—"An acco^{t} of money due for several State prisoners, which were ordered to be kept separate, and in the strictest confinem^{t}, who by their poverty were not able to pay any of the com̄on dues of the prison, nor make any satisfaction for their lodging or extraordinary expences, occasioned by such their close confinement." 10 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

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20 July. 1. Report of Edward Young, Surveyor of Woods, to the Lords of the Treasury, on a letter of Lord Cobham, Warden of Windsor Forest, wherein (for keeping up the court of "swainmout") he desires the payment of 40*l.* per ann. It is highly requisite for the preserving of the King's vert and venison, as well as the forest privileges, from encroachments, that the ancient court of swainmote should be revived. Much injury had resulted since the discontinuance of the court. The fines and punishments inflicted by the verderers have a good effect where the court subsists. Advises the payment of the 40*l.* per ann. 20 July 1717.

Minuted:—"30th July 1717. Agreed to."

The letter referred to. 2 *pages.*

20 July. 2. The Lord Lieutenant of Ireland (Bolton) to the Lords of the Treasury. Transmits the papers received from the Lords Justices in answer to the inquiry concerning the Alnage Office. Whitehall, 20 July 1717.

Letter from the Lords Justices to the Duke of Bolton, transmitting the report of the Comrs of Revenue thereon, and other papers.

The report. The Alnage Office was erected in Ireland by Act of Parliament, 17 & 18 Car. II., for measuring, &c. all woollen manufactures intended for sale, on which a subsidy was to be paid. The report contains information as to the holders of the office, &c.

The letter of the Lords of the Treasury to the Lord Lieutenant.

Translation of the above report into French.

Minuted:—"29th July 1717. To be granted to Ld Molesworth for the term of 31 years."

Also copy of some petitions and resolutions of a Committee of the Irish House of Commons thereon. 21 *pages.*

[? About 23 July.] 3. Memorial of his Majesty's Officers of Works to the Lords of the Treasury, in answer to a petition of Mr John Mercer, clerk engrosser. Soon after his Majesty's Accession, the Lords of the Treasury, on considering the many abuses and mismanagements in the Office of Works, set themselves to prevent the like for the future, and a scheme was approved of by his Majesty. The petitioner was chosen to succeed Mr Wren as clerk ingrosser, but no further powers were intended him. By what oversight they know not, the petitioner, instead of a warrant, obtained a patent, which contained many things contrary to the present establishment. The preceding clerks conformed themselves to instructions made soon after the Restoration. If these things were not allowed them at a time when half the Board consisted of mechanics, much less will it be thought reasonable to impose it upon a board composed of persons of some distinction, who, both as to capacity and number, conceive themselves sufficient to discharge their duty with honour and ability, and who cannot but

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look upon it as an indignity to be put upon the level with the subordinate clerk of another office. But the matter would be much worse should he appoint a deputy, which by his patent he is doubtless allowed to do. Whatever the clerks may have been formerly, they are now required to be well skilled in all kinds of admeasurement, in drawing, making plans of the palaces, and taking elevations, and competently versed in all parts of architecture, which some among them are, to a great degree of excellence. They must be likewise knowing in the goodness, choice, and value of all sorts of materials. As for the gentleman, who is so earnest to be at the head of these people, he is at present without any other talents besides writing a fair hand and keeping books. They do not doubt of the activity of his genius, and would have furnished him with business sufficient for the excrcise of it, but he rejected their orders, tho' consonant to those of his Majesty; and because they would not suffer him to interfere in matters they knew him incapable of, he refused to do the only thing he is fit for, which evidently demonstrates 'twas rather his ambition than his activity he had a desire to gratify. The late Lords of the Treasury were coming to a resolution either to oblige him to conform himself to the rules of the present establishment, or to supersede the patent, and appoint either him or some other person by their own warrant. Conceived their L^ps^ would scarce consent to a formal hearing, where there is no point of law, but merely a matter of discretion.

Minuted:—" 23^d^ July 1717. Prepare a p. seal to revoke the patent, & M^r^ Edw^d^ Wadeson to be appointed by a common warr^t^." 2 *pages.*

[? About 23 July.] 4. Report of R. Powys to the Lords of the Treasury as to what was due to James Scot, Esq., as late envoy in Poland. He charges 400*l.* in his bill of extraordinaries between 1 May 1713 and 1 Aug. following, being the expense of his several journeys since March 1712 from Dresden to Warsaw, from Warsaw to Dantzig, from Dantzig to the country of Mecklenburg by way of Berlin, from Mecklenburg to the Electress Dowager of Saxony's residence at Liechtenberg, from Liechtenberg to Dresden, and from Dresden again to Warsaw, which makes above 2,000 miles. Upon this bill, the then Secretary of State certified that M^r^ Scot had her late Majesty's orders to make such journeys as were necessary for her service, and for putting her commands in execution with King Augustus of Poland. Recommends the allowance to be made, &c. His other charges are also set out.

Minuted:—" To be allowed all within the regulaco͠n."

The petition and case of the above envoy. 2 *pages.*

[? About 23 July.] 5. Memorial of the R^t^ Hon. the Earl of Peterborough to the Lords of the Treasury. There remains due to him as Ambassador Extraordinary from her late Majesty to the King of Sicily, on his ordinary entertainment, at 10*l.* a day, from 4 Apr. 1714 to 1 Aug., 1,190*l.*, and to complete a bill of his extraordinary disbursements, 389*l.* 2*s.* 8½*d.* Prays payment out of the Civil List or otherwise.

Minuted:—"Read. 23 July 1717. M^{r} Powys is directed to state these demands." [Then follows the statement], and afterwards the following *Minutes*:—"5th August 1717. Read. M^{r} Powys to certify what other demands of forreign ministers for the Queen's time remain unsatisfyd. This state hath been laid before my Lords. State what is due to the publick ministers in the Queen's time unpaid, within the regulacõn. 22^{d} April 1719. My Lords will pay this & Lord Strafford's demands as soon as there is m^{o} applicable." 1 *page*.

25 July. 6. Report of the Auditors to the Lords of the Treasury, transmitting an abstract of all the new salaries and allowances which have been paid upon occasion of the contracts made with the tinners of Cornwall and Devon, and the constitutions or warrants by virtue whereof the same have been paid. 25 July 1717. 2 *pages*.

29 July. 7. Copy of report of the Controllers of Army Accounts to the King. The want of muster rolls, as well as other papers, makes it impossible to give a satisfactory account of the garrison of Placentia. Have recommended the Secretary of State to give directions for the immediate sending provisions there. The companies have had no other clothing from their going there in 1713, but some remains of the Canada stores, which were almost rotten and unserviceable, so that they are now in a manner naked. Have recommended the Secretary-at-War to move his Majesty to grant a warrant to Col. Nicholson and Captain Stanhope to provide clothing for the effectives there. Suggest other measures. Propose that Col. Moody, the present Lieut.-Governor, against whom there are many grievous complaints, be ordered to return home to answer the same and settle his accounts. There being no other captain but Col. Moody with the four companies, who by the last returns from Placentia were reduced to 200 effectives, they believe it will be necessary that one captain at least should be sent thither immediately to command in chief. Approve of building a small fort to secure the entrance into the harbour there. It would not be above the sixth part of the expense and would save the repair of the fortifications. This would prevent the frequent disputes between them, the inhabitants, and the fishing ships, on account of a scandalous trade. Believe nothing would tend more to the improvement of the fishing trade than to remove these inhabitants from Newfoundland, since then such merchants only as are truly intent upon the fishery would have any encouragement to trade thither. 29 July 1717.

Minuted:—"5 August 1717. Read. To be layd before the Council." 5 *pages*.

[? About 29 July.] 8. Petition of the 800 Licensed Hackney Coachmen and their widows to the Lords of the Treasury. In the 14th of King Charles II. 400 ancient coachmen, who had served persons of quality, or their widows, were licensed to keep 400 hackney coaches, and no more, for which they paid but 5*l*. a year, and no fine. The Commissioners since then licensed the widows, on the death of their husbands, or allowed transfers to other coachmen. No coachman was to occupy any other calling during the time of his licence. By the present Act the Commissioners are required to license all ancient coachmen or their widows, &c. Notwithstanding which, within 10 days, Mr Way and the rest of the Commissioners took away a great many licences from ancient coachman and their poor widows, and gave them to persons that have good trades and never served any gentleman. Praying that transfers of licences might be ordered to be made, or given to the poor widows.

Also the "case" of the Hackney Coachmen.

Minuted:—"To be put with the other papers of this kind. 29th July 1717. Read." 2 *pages.*

[? About 29 July.] 9. Petition of Thomas, Earl of Westmorland, to the King. Is descended from Sir Anthony Mildmay, who was Chancellor of the Exchequer to Queen Elizabeth, who purchased of the Crown woods and lands, being part of Rockingham Forest, as freehold and had others by grant. The part of the forest remaining to the petitioner is only a part of the woods and grounds. The ranger[ship] of the walks and herbage for the deer are the only advantages to the Crown.

By the custom of the forest five couples of bucks and five couples of does are taken for his Majesty, but the distance is so great that the venison seldom comes good to town, and that part of the forest is almost gone to ruin, and the deer much diminished for want of wages to the keepers, &c. Prays the grant of the deer and for the woods to be declared not to belong to the forest (French).

Minuted:—"29th July 1717. Mr Corbiere to translate this."

Also the translation. 2 *pages.*

[? About 30 July.] 10. Memorial of Daniel Pulteney, late Envoy Extraordinary at the Court of Denmark, to the Lords of the Treasury. Prays an order for payment of the arrears due to him out of the money appropriated for paying the debts of the late Queen.

Also the account of the arrears.

Minuted:—"30th July 1717. Mr Powys to state this demand."

Again:—"2d August 1717. Orderd except the 100li exceeding the regulation." 1½ *pages.*

31 July. 11. Copy of report of the Principal Officers of the Mint to the Lords of the Treasury, on the bill of Mr Richard Barrow, for prosecuting clippers and coiners from Mich. 1713 to Mich. 1715. Recommending that 250*l.* should be paid for the same. Mint Office, 31 July 1717.

Copy of Mr Barrow's petition and the account named. 11 *pages.*

31 July. 12. Report of the same to the same. The tin coined last summer exceeds 500 tons. A small quantity has been sold to Russia merchants at 3*l.* 10*s.* per hundred. Other quantities are to be shipped in Cornwall for Holland and the Straits at a cheaper rate. A good

quantity will be transported to Turkey and Italy before the winter, and unless they have discretion to sell what remains at the market price, the great stock on their hands is likely to remain unsold. Mint Office, 31 July 1717.

Minuted:—" 31st July 1717. To be further considered.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. 21, p. 153, 2 Oct. 1717, is:—

" My Lords direct the Offrs of the Mint to make publication that 500 tons of tyn will be exposed to sale by inch of candle at 3l 10sh p 100wt, and that after the disposal of this quantity no more shall be sold within the space of 3 months. Sir Isaac Newton and Dr Fouquiere to prepare an advertisemt, to be inserted in the Gazette on Saturday, & the Daily Courant." 1 *page*.

31 July. 13. Report of the Barons of the Exchequer, Scotland, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Graham and Daniel Campbell for themselves and others, the proprietors of the three sugar houses at Glasgow. The owners of the eastern and western sugaries at Glasgow appeared before them and insisted that they had a continuance as "manufactorys" entitled to the privileges and exemptions given by the Acts of Parliament. But the court upon a hearing could not come to any opinion as to the continuance of their rights. The proprietors claim a general exemption from all customs and excise, but they have no pretence to claim an exemption from Inland Excise, except as to 28 tons yearly. This must be settled in a judicial way, and until that is done they cannot give their Lordships an opinion as to an agreement with them. There is also a fourth sugary at Leith, and they cannot think it advisable for their Lordships to go on in the execution of their powers, unless all the "sugaries" are comprehended. Edinburgh, 31 July 1717. 3 *pages*.

[? About 2 Aug.] 14. "Memorandum for the Right Honble the Lord Viscount Stanhope." It is desired that a *caveat* may be entered at the Treasury against the renewal of the grant to any other persons of two lighthouses which were given by Robert Osbolston, Esq., to the Royal Hospital at Greenwich, the one being on the North and the other on the South Foreland.

Minuted:—" 2d August 1717. Enter a caveat that no grant be made, & before any grant be made, the Trinity House to be advised with." 1 *page, quarto*.

[? About 2 Aug.] 15. "Mr Dodington's case relating to reversionary annuities issuing out of ye Exchequer."

Minuted:—" 2d Augt 1717. Refd to Att. or Solr-Genl to considr & report their opinion. W. L." 4 *pages, brief size*.

3 and 5 Aug. 16. Robert Sanderson, Keeper of the Records at the Rolls Chapel, to William Lowndes, Esq. Two letters as to search made at the Rolls Chapel for a "liberate" to the sheriff or escheator of the Duchy of Cornwall. Found a patent of 13 James I. relating to the livery of the

Duchy of Cornwall. Dated 3 and 5 Aug. 1717. Also, "A particuler of ye places, &c. mentioned in the patent granted to Prince Charles for licence of entry." 8 *pages.*

3 Aug. 17. Lord Radnor to the Lords of the Treasury. The allowances inserted on his Majesty's warrant exceed the present establishment of his (Lord Radnor's) office by one half. For the allowance to a gentleman of the Chapel Royal and other officers is no more than 3*s.* per diem; and half that allowance to the inferior officers and children of the chapel when the Court shall reside at any further distance than Windsor and Hampton Court, &c. As to the number of persons attending on the chapel service, it does not appear to him until the Court returns, and then a list is signed by the dean of the chapel. The travelling charges are the same as on her late Majesty's establishment of the chapel. 3 Aug. 1717.

Letter from John, Bishop of London, to Mr Lowndes on the same subject. 3¼ *pages.*

3 Aug. 18. Report of the principal officers of the Mint to the Lords of the Treasury respecting proposals to import bars of fine copper into the Mint for coining copper money. Find that the Mint may be supplied with bars at 19*d.* per pound weight *avoirdupois,* or a little under, taking back the scissel at the same price, but scarce under 18*d.* The master and worker will undertake the coinage at 3¼*d.* per pound weight, and so a pound weight of copper, with the coinage, will cost about 21¼*d.* or 22¼*d.*, and may be cut into about 23 or 24 pence "to answer all other charges." Are best satisfied with Mr Hind's proposal. Mint Office, 3 Aug. "1713" [? mistake for 1717.]

Minuted:—"5th August 1717. Read. Offrs Mint to attend at 12 o'clock to-morrow. 6th August 1717. My Lords agree to the Rept. Sir Isaac Newton will prepare the necessary warrants.—A pound weight to be cut into 23 pence. 9th August 1717. My Lords approve that the Mar of the Mint may agree with Mr Hind." 1¼ *pages.*

[? About 6 Aug.] 19. Petition of Henry Smithson to the King. Has been employed for 14 years in apprehending and prosecuting false coiners, &c. Is informed of 80 persons in divers parts of England who carry on this trade. The Warden of the Mint discouraged him from apprehending and prosecuting them, and refused to disburse any money for that purpose, or to prosecute several that were in prison for that crime. Has seized divers tools, which are made with exquisite art. This he represented to the Warden of the Mint, but he took no notice thereof.

Being unable to lay out any more money, made his address to the Earl of Oxford, then Lord Treasurer, who referred the case to Sir Isaac Newton, the controller and the present warden, who being the party complained of, and in great favour with his Lordship, had the matter referred to himself, so that the petitioner had scarce liberty to speak, &c. Has received encouragement from Sir Isaac Newton

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in carrying on prosecutions, &c. Prays for consideration and for an order for 95*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.* already expended.

An affidavit on the same subject; on the back is:—

"Order of Councill referring y^e^ peticõn of Henry Smithson to y^e^ L^ds^ of y^e^ Treãry. 6 Aug^t^ 1717. Ref. to Offic^rs^ of y^e^ Mint." 3½ *pages.*

[? About 6 Aug.] 20. Memorial of Charles, Earl of Lauderdale, "General of the Mint," in Scotland, and other officers of the Mint, to the Lords of the Treasury, praying that 1,800*l.* may be imprested to him for the fees and salaries of the officers, repair of the buildings, &c. The last sum issued was to 1 Dec. 1714.

Copy of warrant relating to the last issue.

The date is perhaps about 6 Aug. 1717, as a warrant was then issued for part of what is above desired. See *North Britain Book,* Vol. IV., p. 187. 2 *pages.*

7 Aug. 21. Account of the produce of the revenues from sheriffs' proffers, compositions, rent of land, and fines for leases. 1 Aug. 1714 to 1 Aug. 1717. Exchequer, 7 Aug. 1717. 2 *pages.*

8 Aug. 22. P. Van Borssell Vander Hooghe to "My Lord." The merchants of Holland, trading in cotton stuffs, and their agents, complain of the officers of Customs for exacting higher dues than they are obliged to pay, as will be seen by the enclosed copy of a letter. Prays that orders may be given to the officers to desist from these vexations. Richmond, 8 Aug. 1717. (French).

Copy of a letter from Tho. Halsey and Co. to Mons. Borssell, Envoy Extraordinary from the States General. Acquaints him with what passed at the Custom House in relation to the Haarlem manufacture of mixed thread and cotton coloured stuffs. One of the Surveyors of Customs (M^r^ Farwell) has stopped two cases of mixed thread and cotton stuffs, and obliges them to be entered as Holland linen or to stand a trial. Encloses copy of the surveyors' report thereon. Other parcels of goods have been stopped. This is a hardship and lessens the revenue. London, 31 July 1717. 5 *pages.*

9 Aug. 23. Report of A. Cracherode to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Thomas Potts, gent., Under Sheriff of the co. of Northumberland. The petitioner was authorized to take all forfeited goods and chattels, which belonged to any traitors, and to prevent waste of their estates, and to prepare rentals and accounts of the real estates forfeited, and of the possessors' names, and to return them to the Com^rs^ of Inquiry at Preston in Lancashire, which is above 90 miles from the petitioner's abode. Petitioner annexes an account of his charges, and prays to be reimbursed. Before the Act appointing the Com^rs^ of Inquiry was passed, he (Cracherode) desired the petitioner to take care (on his Majesty's behalf) of the estates of several persons in the co. of Northumberland, attainted of high treason for the late Rebellion, and to transmit rentals and inventories, which service the petitioner carefully performed for the estates of the Earl of

Derwentwater, the late Lord Widdrington and George Collingwood, Esq. It appears that the petitioner was required to take the goods and personal estates of several traitors in his county, and to return the rentals, &c. to the Com^rs. He thereupon took the rentals and inventories of the real and personal estates of the above persons, and of John Thornton, John Hall, Philip Hodgson, Thomas Errington, George Gibson, Edward Swinburne, W^m Shaftoe, and Robert Newton. He also made enquiries after the estates of Robert Talbot, Nicholas Woogan, Allan Sanderson, Charles Widdrington, Peregrin Widdrington, and John Leadbeater, but could not discover any such estates in Northumberland. The petitioner's account of the costs for his trouble, &c. amounts to 70*l.* 10*s.* 4*d.*, whereof 56*l.* 11*s.* 10*d.* is for moneys expended, which is very modest and reasonable. Recommends that he be allowed 21*l.* 10*s.* in addition for his journeys of 43 days. 9 Aug. 1717.

The petition and nine other papers relating thereto, including a rental of the lands and estates of James, late Earl of Derwentwater, Lord Widdrington, George Collingwood, Esq., John Thornton, Esq., John Hall, late of Otterburne, Esq., deceased, and William Shaftoe, Esq. 23½ *pages.*

9 Aug. 24. Letter of the Com^rs of the Forfeited Estates to the Lords of the Treasury, on an order from their L^ps preventing the issue of any moneys for payment of their salaries till the 5,000*l.* issued out of other funds for paying the incident charges of the Commission, be replaced. Essex Street, 9 Aug. 1717.

Minuted:—"9^th August 1717. A state of this case ref. and sent." 3 *pages.*

9 Aug. 25. Opinion of the Solicitor-General (Thomson) given to the Lords of the Treasury as to the application of the money in the Exchequer coming from the Forfeited Estates, to the payment of the salary of the Com^rs or the inferior officers. 9 Aug 1717.

Also the case for the opinion.

Minuted:—"9^th August 1717. Prepare a warr^t pursuant to the Report." 2 *pages.*

13 Aug. 26. Lord Sunderland to the Lords of the Treasury. By the King's desire directed M^r Cracherode to draw up an exact account of the state of the prosecution against the two Auditors of Imprests. This was done and submitted to the Attorney and Solicitor-General for their opinion. His Majesty, finding that it would be proper to put an end to the prosecution by a *noli prosequi*, Lord Sunderland sends copies of M^r Cracherode's paper and M^r Attorney and Solicitor's opinion and his Majesty's pleasure that they prepare a warrant for putting an end thereto. Hampton Court, 13 Aug. 1717.

The copies referred to. [The auditors were charged with receiving 3*s.* 4*d.* each for entering certain letters of attorney contrary to the statute.]

Minuted:—"14^th August 1717. Read. A warr^t for a *noli prosequi* to be prepared accordingly." 7 *pages.*

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[After 16 Aug.] 27. "A state of what has been paid upon account of Count Gyllenborg, the Swedish Envoy."

The first item is for 200*l.* to Major Trelawny, Governor of the Castle of Plymouth, to defray the charges of fitting up the castle for the reception of the Count, who was to be kept under arrest. Another item is for 150*l.* for his expenses, and those of his retinue, from Plymouth to Harwich. 1 *page.*

17 Aug. 28. Sir Isaac Newton to [Lord Stanhope.] M^{r} Kelsall was with him to forward the signing the warrant for setting on foot the copper coinage. Has not yet come to an agreement with the moneyers, and some of those who propose to import copper at 17½*d.* have been tampering with Hind, the brazier, and his partner to unsettle his (Newton's) agreement with him. The moneyers insist stiffly upon 2*d.* per pound weight, and if he cannot get them to abate a farthing, must intreat his L^{p} and the other Com^{rs} for a farthing to be added to the 3¼*d.* allowed him, &c. Begs the favour of a few more days to see what he can do with the moneyers. Leicester Fields, Aug. 17, 1717.

Also letter of M^{r} Henry Kelsall on the same subject. 3 *pages.*

19 Aug. 29. Com^{rs} for Forfeited Estates to the Lords of the Treasury. Have considered the instructions laid before their Lordships by Sir David Dalrymple, his Majesty's Advocate, for bringing in the effects of the forfeited estates in Scotland. Apprehend their L^{ps} intended that Sir David should give his opinion concerning the proper methods for levying the rents, &c. of those estates, but they find that the Lord Advocate's letter relates only to the determining the claims affecting the forfeited estates. Apprehend that no directions can be given but by Parliament. And since that part of the Act has been strictly observed in England, they cannot conceive how it can be dispensed with in Scotland. Consider that his Majesty is put in actual possession of those estates, and all parties having an interest in the estates must enter their claims. &c. 19 Aug. 1717.

Also the letter of the Lord Advocate (Dalrymple.) 7 *pages.*

20 Aug. 30. "Method concerning the Stannarys and particularly as to the pre-emption of tin." 20 Aug. 1717.

A paper thus docqueted containing good information about the history, &c. of the tin mines. Entitled:—"Matters which evidently appear concerning the stannarys of Cornwall and Devon, and particularly as to the emption or pre-emption of tin." 13¼ *pages.*

25 Aug. 31. Memorial of the Duke of Richmond to "My Lord." Is informed by M^{r} Saumarais that General Harvey was to be consulted in the matter of the tithes of the Isle of Guernsey. It is only a reversion after General Harvey that is in question Hopes that a favourable report may be made to his Majesty in this matter. Goodwood, 25 Aug. 1717. 1½ *pages, quarto.*

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29 Aug. 32. Report of the Officers of Works to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of "the R^{t} Hon. the Lord Chetwynd," setting forth the necessity of repairing the gravel walks, drains, lodges, &c. in S^{t} James' Park. Are of opinion that what is necessary to be done this season will amount to about 1,355*l.* 29 Aug. 1717.

Written on the back of the memorial. 2 *pages.*

30 Aug. 33. Memorial of James Craggs, Esq., junior, to the Lords of the Treasury. Sends an extract of a letter from the R^{t} Hon. the Earl of Portmore, Governor of Gibraltar, referring to the failure of the contractor in supplying provisions to the garrison, which had often been reduced to a fortnight's subsistence. Represents that the only danger Gibraltar is subject to, is to be surprised when they shall be provided but with a small store of provision; and that particularly at this time, the Spaniards, who have this place extremely at heart, had they turned their arms against it, the garrison might have been starved before supplies could have been sent from England. Asks that the contractor may be reminded to perform his contract more punctually. Hampton Court, Aug. 30, 1717.

Minuted:—" 25th Sep^{r} 1717. A copie of this to be sent to M^{r} Missing, the contractor. A copy sent." 1 *page.*

10 Sept. 34. " An estimate of all the tin remaining unsold in the Tower, and in Holland, Hamburgh, and Cornwall, which was coyned before the last contract ended." 10 Sept. 1717. 1 *page.*

12 Sept. 35. Report of the Com^{rs} of Revenue, Ireland, to the Lords of the Treasury, in relation to the state of the Lady Dorchester's account. A clear and full state thereof cannot possibly be had for some time to come. Have to distinguish how much of the quit rents in that lady's grant have been actually paid to the agents of the Countess, and what remains in collectors' or tenants' hands. Custom House, Dublin, 12 Sept. 1717.

With this is an earlier report from the Com^{rs} of Revenue on the same subject, dated 7th March 1711-12, and a state of the account at that time, together with a memorial of the Lady Letitia Russell, widow, who was kept out of her pension of 600*l.* per ann. by arrears owing to Lady Dorchester. 6½ *pages.*

13 Sept. 36. " Reasons humbly offered to the R^{t} Hon^{ble} the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations against the disposing of the lands and hereditaments yielded to the Crown of Great Brittaine in the Island of St. Xtophers, by the late treaty of peace with France, in the gross, or to any one ꝑson or body of men, or to any others than the present proprietors, who are willing to purchase the same at a reasonable price, notwithstanding any greater or higher termes may be offered for the same." Dated 13 Sept. 1717. With seven signatures.

Also copy of order in Council of 29 Aug. 1717, referring to the Board of Trade the petition of Col. W^{m} Codrington, relating to 763 acres of land in the late French part of S^{t} Christophers. Also the copy of the petition. 5 *pages.*

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14 Sept. 37. John Plumptre and others to "my Lord." Acknowledge his L^{p}'s letter and M^{r} Roop's account, who makes a demand of 222*l.* 12*s.* for provisions laid into the Castle of Alicant for the British troops there. Pray directions thereon, as by warrant of 10 Nov. 1710, it was directed to be charged to his Catholic Majesty. Dorset Court, Westminster, 14 Sept. 1717.

Also two petitions and John Roope's account, and copies of several certificates.

In one of his petitions he begs that he may not be thrown into a gaol in his old age as a recompense for his faithful services, "viz., in y^{e} Irish transport in Newfoundland, Alicant, and at y^{e} Battle of Villa Viciosa, where, and in Newfoundland, he was taken prisoner with the loss of all, and hard imprisonment in both, and y^{e} money being 9 years since layd out, and 7 years since hath had y^{r} Lords^{ps} warrants for payment." 8 *pages.*

16 Sept. 38. Com^{rs} of Revenue, Ireland, to the Lords of the Treasury. Are very sensible of M^{r} Maynard's loyalty, integrity, and ability, who was recommended by their Lordships to be the collector for Cork. He was, however, much misinformed in what he had suggested to their L^{ps}. Give the true reasons for removing M^{r} Melvill from the Inland Excise in Dublin. The Earl of Sunderland, when Lord Lieut., had written that Col. Sandford should be appointed Collector of Inland Excise in Dublin, according to the desire of the Earl of Kildare, his brother-in-law, who was then one of the Lords Justices, but he made no mention that M^{r} Melvill was represented to his Lordship as a person disaffected to his Majesty, or concerned in the schemes of Sir Constantine Phipps. The Board thereupon acquainted his Excellency that they had removed M^{r} Melvill to make way for Col. Sandford, but M^{r} Melvill being a most experienced officer in the Excise, was made a Surveyor-General, to reside in this city, and to have an eye over the Excise here, which amounts to more than a third of the Excise of the whole kingdom; but if his Excellency disapproved thereof, they would remove M^{r} Melvill from that post also; that he seemed a man very quiet and calm as to his politics, and tho' he had the character of a Tory he did not concern himself in the late disorders of the city. Thus M^{r} Melvill was not continued contrary to Lord Sunderland's direction, nor would they have waited for orders to remove him had they the least knowledge of his being guilty of the disaffection mentioned. Relate what they had formerly done concerning this collection. Tho' the Collector of Cork's salary is only 150*l.*, yet the customary perquisites make that post much more valuable than a Surveyor-General's, though the salary is 300*l.*, the latter having no perquisites, &c. Custom House, Dublin, 16 Sept. 1717.

Minuted:—"Read 25 7br. 1717. Shew this to my L^{d} Castlecomer." 3 *pages.*

16 Sept. 39. ? N. Conolly to ——. In favour of Cloud Henrickson, mentioned in petition annexed, who would be quite ruined if not compassionated by the Treasury, before whom his affair depends. The sudden

alteration there prevented his relief. Prays his interest with the members of the Treasury board. Dublin, 16 Sept. 1717.

United is the petition of Cloud Henrickson of the town of Coleraine, Ireland. Prays for the royal bounty, having lost his ship, which was used as a packet boat between Dublin and Holyhead, and was wilfully run on the rocks at Holyhead and perished.

Also copy of another petition, and report on the same subject.

Minuted:—"7th Dec. 1717, To be recommended to the King for 100*l*. Warr^{t} signd." 5 *pages.*

18 Sept. 40. Lord Sunderland to the Lords of the Treasury. Several poor foreigners from the duchy of Wirtemberg and other parts of Germany having lately come hither without the King's leave, and contrary to public notice, given in foreign parts, of his Majesty's pleasure in that respect, his Majesty is willing to be at the expense of transporting back to Holland such of them as shall immediately return home, and to give them some further assistance to prosecute their journey. Several of them have given their names to M^{r} John Vat, who is directed to attend on their L^{ps} on their behalf. Sends a list of them. His Majesty's pleasure is that their L^{ps} give direction for such a sum of money to be distributed as they judge reasonable. Whitehall, 18 Sept. 1717.

The list of poor Palatines, Wirtembergers, &c., which consists of 200 persons, and a letter from John Vat.

There are three Minutes on the back, the last of which is:—"3rd Oct^{r}. L$^{\tilde{r}}$e with instructions sent to M^{r} Colby."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. 21, p. 155, 3 Oct. 1717, is:—"M^{r} Colby, Commiss^{r} for Transports, to provide all things necessary for the transportation of the 200 Wirtembergers and palatines mentioned in a list, transmitted to my Lords by Lord Sunderland, pursuant to his Ma^{ts} command, and for all such others of the said poor as will go for Holland, at the easiest and cheapest rates. My Lords direct 10^{sh} p head to be allowed them, for their provisions in their voyage, and 10^{sh} more to be paid to each of them at their arrival at Rotterdam. The list and a copie of Lord Sunderland's letter to be sent to M^{r} Colby with these instructions." 4 *pages.*

19 Sept. 41. Order of the Com^{rs} of Enquiry to the R^{t} Hon. Lucy Morton, Esq., Vice-Treasurer of Ireland, to pay to Hugh Henry, Esq., who is appointed receiver of all forfeited estates in Ireland, 10,000*l.* on the foot of pension, and 7,000*l.* on the foot of prizage and butlerage, as forfeited by the Duke of Ormonde. Dublin, 19 7^{br} 1717. 1 *page, quarto.*

20 Sept. 42. Charles Carkesse to Charles Stanhope, Esq., Secretary to the Treasury. The Com^{rs} of Customs cannot give directions for the goods bought for the Czar of Muscovy, to be exported free [of duty]. Custom House, 20 Sept. 1717. 1 *page.*

21 Sept. 43. Report of Sir Isaac Newton to the Lords of the Treasury, on the state of the gold and silver coins of the kingdom in weight and fineness, and the value of gold in proportion to silver, with his

observations and opinions, and what method may be best for preventing the melting down of the silver coin. The following are some of the observations he makes, viz.: "That a pound weight troy of gold, eleven ounces fine and one ounce allay is cut into 44½ guineas, and a pound weight of silver, eleven ounces two penny weight fine, and eighteen penny weight allay is cut into 62 shillings, and according to this rate a pound weight of fine gold is worth 15 pounds weight six ounces seventeen penny weights and five grains of fine silver, reckoning a guinea at 1*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.* in silver money." *Again:*—"So then by the course of trade and exchange between nation and nation in all Europe, fine gold is to fine silver as 14⅘, or 15 to one. And a guinea at the same rate is worth between 20*s.* 5*d.* and 20*s.* 8½*d.*, except in extraordinary cases." "And it appears by experience as well as by reason, that silver flows from those places when its value is lowest in proportion to gold, as from Spain to all Europe, and from all Europe to the East Indies, China, and Japan, and that gold is most plentiful in those places in which its value is highest in proportion to silver, as in Spain and England." "If gold were lowered only, so as to have the same proportion to the silver money in England, which it hath to silver in the rest of Europe, there would be no temptation to export silver rather than gold to any other part of Europe; and to compass this last, there seems nothing more requisite than to take off about 10*d.* or 12*d.* from the guinea, so that gold may bear the same proportion to the silver money in England, which it ought to do by the course of trade and exchange in Europe; but if only 6*d.* were taken off at present it would diminish the temptation to export or melt down the silver coin, and by the effects would show hereafter, better than can appear at present, what further reduction would be most convenient for the public." "If things be let alone 'til silver money be a little scarcer, the gold will fall of itself. For people are already backward to give silver for gold, and will in a little time refuse to make payments in silver without a premium, as they do in Spain; and this premium will be an abatement in the value of the gold; and so the question is, whether gold shall be lowered by the Government, or let alone till it falls of itself by the want of silver money." "I am not for coining the plate till the temptation to export the silver money (which is a profit of 2*d.* or 3*d.* an ounce) be diminished, for as often as men are necessitated to send away money for answering debts abroad, there will be temptation to send away silver rather than gold because of the profit, which is almost 4 per cent., and for the same reason, foreigners will chuse to send hither their gold rather than their silver." Mint Office, 21 Sept. 1717.

Minuted:—"25th Septr 1717. Read."

Accompanying it is a more modern copy. 13 *pages.*

[? About 29 Sept.] 44. "An estimate of the neat monies which, within the year commencing from Michas 1717, will be produced by the surpluss of the fonds of the Bank and South Sea Company, and of the duties in the Act for redeeming the fonds of the four lotteries and the banquiers' debt, and by the overplus of the general yearly fond established by the Act." 6 *pages.*

3 Oct. 45. Report of the Attorney-General (Northey) to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of John Anstis, Esq., as to the grant to him of the office of Garter Principal King-at-Arms, the right to which was disputed by the Earl of Suffolk, Deputy Earl Marshal. Mr Anstis, in order to obtain the fees belonging to the office, has brought actions against several persons for the fees, who have paid the same. Having brought an action against Sir John Coldbach for such fees he has suffered judgment thereon, and has paid the fees. In regard that the grant of that office is to pass the great seal, whether the grantee is to be at the nomination of the Earl Marshal or his Deputy or not (which does not appear to have been so by any letters patent whatsoever) is of opinion that Mr Anstis will have a title to the fees of that office by virtue of his letters patent, so long as the same remain in force, as no *scire facias* is yet brought for their repeal. 3 Oct. 1717.

The memorial and affidavit. 6 *pages.*

4 Oct. 46. Thomas Missing to William Lowndes, Esq. In answer to a memorial under date 30 Aug., which he says is most malicious, and on purpose to do him an injury. Encloses his account of provisions [supplied to Gibraltar]. By his care has kept the garrison well supplied. Complains of the hardship of being kept out of his money. Portsmouth, 4 Oct. 1717. 1 *page* 3 *lines.*

[? Between 5 & 31 Oct.] 47. Report of the Comrs for Licencing Hawkers, Pedlars, and Petty Chapmen, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the subject of the compulsion of lacemen to take out licences. These people are as able to take licences as any other sort of traders who are obliged thereto. Have directed all prosecutions to be suspended till their Lps' orders are known.

Minuted :—"31st October 1717. Read. My Lords direct a warrt to the Comrs signifying their pleasure that neither they nor their solicitor shall direct process to go out against these people till the next sess. of Parliamt."

Accompanied by a letter from the mayor, aldermen, and bailiffs of the borough of Chepping Wycombe, in Bucks, to [? Mr. Lowndes], representing the case of Ferdinando Shrimpton, of Penn, in the same county, bone-lacemaker, and others of the same trade in that neighbourhood who follow bone-lacemaking in the wholesale way, by keeping several hundred workmen constantly employed. These wholesale men trade weekly to London, where they sell their lace and buy thread and silk, which they bring home and deliver to their workwomen, who by their directions work or weave it into several sorts of lace as their respective masters (the wholesale lacemen) direct, which, when done, the workmen, once every week, deliver to their respective masters, who pay them what they earn. The wholesale bone-lacemakers every Monday morning go to London with the lace they have caused to be made, where they have two large chambers to sell the same. One of these is the George Inn, Aldersgate Street (the market day being Tuesday), the other in the Bull and Mouth Inn in St. Martin's, by Aldersgate (the market day being Monday). By a resolution of Parliament these wholesale lacemen were not deemed to be hawkers. Begs him to intercede with the Lords of the Treasury or the Com^rs for Licencing Hawkers, &c. to stop prosecutions against them. Dated 5 Oct. 1717. 3 *pages.*

[? About 9 Oct.] 48. "State of the debt at Blenheim House, in Woodstock Park, due from his Grace John, Duke of Marlborough, to Edward Strong, sen^r., Edward Strong, jun^r., and Edward Bray, Esq., for work and materials, together with the interest of each sum from the time it was due by the respective bills till the time that ⅓ of the debt was paid, w^ch was y^e 7th & 9th of Jan. 1715."

At the foot is :—"N.B.—We beg y^r L^dships to observe that the interest of our money from the time the respective bills became due to Octob^r 9th 1717, amounts to 3,461*l.* 1*s.*"

There are also four other papers relating to these debts in the years 1705 and 1706. 5½ *pages.*

[Before 10 Oct.] 49. Letter to "my Lord," announcing that the late Mayor of Newcastle awaited his commands pursuant to his L^p's directions.

Signed :—"Henry Dalston."

Minuted :—"To be consider'd when there is a board. 10th Oct^r 1717. To be layd before the King. 500^li warr^t signd."

Also a letter of approval of the Mayor's conduct, signature gone. Two petitions of Henry Dalston, Mayor of Newcastle, in respect to his services during the Rebellion. One has a testimonial in his favour by Lord Carlisle. There is also a copy of the last. 5 *pages.*

11 Oct. 50. Lord Sunderland to the Lords of the Treasury. Encloses petition that their L^ps may give order for relief to the petitioner, whom the King looks upon as an object of great compassion and charity. Hampton Court, 11 Oct. 1717.

Minuted :—"23rd October 1717. Read. 14th Aug^t 1718. Rejected."

The following is the petition : "The humble petition of the unhappy wife of the Duke of Leeds most humbly showeth, That your pet^r from the happiest state of plenty and prosperity (which she enjoyed from her infancy till about six years since), is reduced to such misery and want that she hath been forced to parte with all her plate, goods, and even her wareing cloaths for bread to support her life in a prison, and is now in a starving condition, ruined by her cruel Lord's inhumane usuage." Prays for some present relief or she must unavoidably perish for want. 2 *pages.*

11 Oct. 51. Lord Lieut. of Ireland (Bolton), to the Lords of the Treasury. Referred the petition of Hartley Hutchinson, Escheator-General of the Province of Munster, to the Solicitor-General, whose report thereon he transmits, whereby it appears that what the petitioner

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desires is a matter of his Majesty's grace and favour; that some recompense has been usually given to officers where Acts of Parliament have taken from them their accustomed fees; that the petitioner has been at expense, and that the fees he would have been entitled to would have amounted to a considerable sum had the inquiry into the late Duke of Ormonde's estate been made by him by virtue of his office, which circumstances may recommend him to his Majesty's bounty. Dublin Castle, 11 Oct. 1717.

Minuted:—"12th November 1717. Read."

The petition and report, and two affidavits. 6 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

14 Oct. 52. Earl of Suffolk to [? Mr. Lowndes]. In answer to a letter from [Mr. Lowndes] by direction of the Lords of the Treasury, desiring to know what were his objections to the paper enclosed, entitled, "Attorney-General's report about the office of Garter King of Arms." Is not so well prepared to answer here as if he were in town. Came to try if the country air would contribute anything towards the relief of an ill state of health, which he has a long time laboured under. As to what Mr Attorney-General says, that no person has dared to question the legality of his (Mr. Anstis's) patent, has to reply, that he has disputed it from the very first, and if the Attorney-General had paid that deference and respect to the King's warrant, which he did to the late Queen's, this dispute had long since ended. Is sorry to say that notwithstanding the King's warrant went to him from the proper officer, and the late Queen's was carried to him in the most unprecedented manner, yet he still refuses to obey the King's warrant in preparing a Bill for the passing of a patent under the Great Seal to Sir John Vanburgh, &c. Has heard that Mr Anstis has received some fees, but has been told that he has offered security to indemnify those who have paid him the money, which they ought not to have done, because he (the Earl) sent an order to them to keep the fees in their hands till the difference was decided as to the right of nomination of officers of arms upon all vacancies, does, and must insist upon it, and believes it has never been questioned until now, since the entail of the office of the Earl Marshal upon the Duke of Norfolk and his family by King Charles II. When the King was last in Germany, he (the Earl) petitioned the Prince of Wales to give directions to the Attorney-General to prepare a Bill to pass a patent for Sir John Vanburgh, to supply the place of Garter, then vacant by the death of Sir Henry St George, pursuant to a warrant the King had signed before he went abroad; but as nothing was done, renewed his petition to the King on his return from Holland, who transmitted it to the Lords of the Cabinet, who referred it to the Attorney-General, who appointed a day to hear all the parties. Acquainted the Duke of Norfolk therewith, desiring him to be at the hearing, and it being a family concern, he (the Earl) sent to Lord Carlisle, Lord Effingham Howard, and as many more of the family as he heard were in town, to be there at the same time. The hearing was put off by the Attorney-General; his laying the fault on others is a very extra-

ordinary proceeding. Hopes the Lords of the Treasury will not do anything to his prejudice in the affair during his absence. Audley End. 14 Oct. 1717. 4 *pages.*

14 Oct. 53. Sir J. Vanburgh to the Lords of the Treasury. Gives the details of what passed on the application to his Majesty in Council from the Earl of Suffolk on the above subject. Hopes it will be considered just for the King to keep his money in his hands, till he sees whether a patent, granted by himself or his predecessor, determines who is to be his officer. Bath, Oct. 14, 1717.

Minuted:—"16th Oct. 1717. Read. A copie of this to be sent to Mr Anstis. Copie sent. Another to the Duke of Norfolk." 1½ *pages.*

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15 Oct. 1. John Anstis to the Honble William Lowndes, Esq., at his house near the new church in Totehill Fields, Westminster. Returns his hearty thanks for his great favour in laying Mr Attorney's report before the Lords, who have referred it to Lord Suffolk and to Vanburgh, which he hopes is only out of compliment to them, and not to overrule Mr Attorney's opinion in a matter of law relating to the prerogative. If there should be any hesitation, hopes the report may be referred to the Duke of Norfolk, the Earl Marshal, which ceremony is as much due to his Grace as to his deputy, from the very words of Mr Attorney's report, which says that the Lord Suffolk insisted that his (Mr Anstis') office must be granted by the Crown to the nominee of the Earl Marshal or his deputy. "And, indeed, if there be any pretension of that nature, the Duke himself may as well nominate as appoint his own stewards." If their Lps do not order him the salary, asks to have a copy of Lord Suffolk's answer, so that he may have a reply, and if they will not "be concluded" by the Attorney's report, they will hear counsel, and then make their determination, which cannot be final, to bar his further applications. Prays a copy of Lord Suffolk's answer. Mortlake, 15th Oct. 1717.

P.S.—"My Lord Duke was so kind to acquaint my Lord Stanhope and Mr Micklethwait with a narrative of the ill-usage my Lord Suffolk hath given me in this case."

Minuted:—"Send a copy of ye Report to ye D. of Norff." 1 *page.*

15 Oct. 2.* [? Comrs for Forfeitures] to the Lords of the Treasury. There are no other claims unsatisfied on the estates of the late Lord Widdrington, in Lincolnshire, lately sold, than 210*l.* arrears of an annuity of 100*l.* payable during the life of Ralph Widdrington, lately deceased, and the further sum of 8*l.* 10*s.*, arrears of annual sum of 74*l.* payable to the rector of Evedon, in

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* Misplaced. Should be in the following year.

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lieu of tithes, and due to Rowland Fox, as rector there. There are other claims on the estate in Northumberland and Durham. The claims made by the sufferers at Preston amount to 7,100*l.* Essex House, 15 October 1718. 2 *pages.*

[? About 16 Oct.] 3. "An account of what is due to the publique ministers in her late Mat^s^ reigne."

Minuted:—"16th Oct^r^ 1717. Read. To be read again when Lord Stanhope comes to the Board." 1 *page.*

April–16 Oct. 4. A parcel of papers (the last being dated 16 Oct. 1717) relating to the Island of S^t^ Christopher, the principal of which are:—

A memorial to the King, unsigned [but from inhabitants of S^t^ Christopher's], showing what was to be considered in settling the French parts of the island. The persons admitted should be known Protestants, and no Jacobites or non-jurors; for the late King James sent an Irish governor, a Papist, who drew many Irish Papists there, and such was their number that, when King William was proclaimed, the Irish revolted and burned all the houses of the Protestants, and the French Papists joined them, and although the war was not then proclaimed, they made themselves masters of the island. The Lords of Plantations are informed that there are in these quarters but 11,000 acres, and if they grant 3,000 to the poor inhabitants who have no land in S^t^ Christopher's, nor in the other islands (specified) by the distribution of six acres gratis to each of them, it will produce a number of inhabitants who will fortify the island and stop the descent of an enemy. The inhabitants occupying many small pieces of land in the French quarter who were dispossessed and obliged to leave the island, will not return except with the above encouragement. As to the four places where the French had built towns and villages, and where they shipped their sugars, it will be necessary to give 70 or 80 feet square to those who wish to rebuild as formerly. The inhabitants who have built sugaries have no houses in the island. By order of the generals they have grants to encourage them to cultivate the French quarters, and have, by the aid of their friends, bought slaves, &c. built houses, planted sugar canes, &c., but having lost a number of slaves, horses, &c., if dispossessed, as is intended, will abandon the island and be made bankrupt.

The Lords of Plantations wished to know the present state of the island. Many inhabitants of Nevis and other islands have advanced moneys, with a design to buy the lands and dispossess the petitioners and profit by their labour. The Lords were given to understand that many settlements in the English quarters had been sold at 5*l.* sterling the acre, the land being as good as any in the island. Give the particulars of a scheme which would produce 5,432 inhabitants. Pray his Majesty to prevent the entire ruin of the petitioners and their families, and to order a small annual rent to be set on them until they can pay for the lands which they occupy; or if dispossesed, that they may be reimbursed the sums they have advanced. [French.]

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Some particulars concerning the persons who offer to buy the French quarter of the island. [French.]

Petition of Lieut.-Col. Pierre Buor. Sets out his services. Built a house in the part of the island called Basse Terre, where the French had a considerable town, now burnt and destroyed. Prays that the ground on which it is built may be excepted from a grant to the heirs of Madame Salenave. [French.]

Petition of M. Pierre Cabibel, described as living in Walbrook, "near Stocks Market, London," in partnership with Peter Soulegré. Having failed to obtain a plantation in the island took to trading, but were ruined by their ships being taken; pray that they may be allowed to buy the two plantations, which had been granted to them, at the same price as the land is sold for that remains untilled in the French ground. [French.]

Also a translation of the same.

Letter in favour of the last named.

Petition of Stephen Browne to the King. Is an inhabitant of the Island of S^t Christopher, in America, and during the late wars has signalised himself in the defence of the Island against the frequent attempts of the French, by whom he has often been plundered. Prays that in order to alleviate his losses he may have a grant by letters patent of 700 acres of plantable land in one entire parcel in that quarter of the island called Basse Terre which has been confirmed to Great Britain by the Treaty of Utrecht.

Also a certificate of the truth of the petition. Dated 14 June 1717.

Letter of the Board of Trade and Plantations to the Lords of the Treasury. Have given directions for copying all the papers desired relating to the late French lands in S^t Christopher's. Send copies of those finished. The rest will be sent. Have seen the advertisement in the *Daily Courant* and *Gazette* for the persons willing to purchase the lands to lay their proposals before this board. Have no survey of the lands, and are of opinion that they should be parcelled out into lots and sold at a certain value per acre. Submit for approval certain conditions necessary for the settlement and security of the Island. 7 Aug. 1717.

Enclose the "Preliminary conditions as to quit rents, grants to poor families, salt ponds," &c.

Copy of the two foregoing papers.

Letter of a later date (16 Oct. 1717.) of the Board of Trade. The highest bidders do not exceed 6*l.* per acre, excepting Col. Codrington who has offered 8*l.* an acre. Having no survey, and their information coming through possessors or agents, cannot say what is a valuable consideration. All the lands to be sold are already possessed by planters, by virtue of intermediate grants from governors of the Leeward Islands, for a limited time. The sale to one purchaser would save much trouble. Amongst the several proposers there are only three who offer to purchase the whole, viz.:—M^r Banks, Sir Tho. Johnston, and M^r Mills. That of the last named is the fairest. By a memorial signed by Micajah Perry and other

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merchants, on behalf of the planters, it appears highly just that the present possessors should have the preference.

United are conditions and restrictions.

Copy of the letter.

Various other papers in relation to these negotiations. One of them (numbered 20) contains a list of the grantees of the lands, terms for which they held the same, &c. 53 *papers*.

16 Oct. 5. William Leathes to Viscount Stanhope. A troublesome distemper, caught in pursuit of Baron Gortz, has long prevented him from putting the accounts into his Lordship's hands. Sends them by Col. Kane. Hopes his Lordship will order the bills drawn by him (Leathes) for 946*l.* 6*s.* 6*d.* to be given up to him, that he may be discharged. London, 16 8ber 1717. 2 *pages*.

[? About 16 Oct.] 6. Memorial of Thomas Jenkin, Robert Wood, and John Culliford, officers of H.M. Customs, to the Lords of the Treasury, touching a seizure of a considerable quantity of coffee from St Malo, seized below Gravesend, about which a new trial was proposed.

Minuted :—"Read 16th October 1717. Several applications were made to my Lords before the tryal, as well on behalf of the prosecutors as the claimants, but their Lps thought it reasonable to leave the matter to law, which having decided the same by a verdict, their Lordps think it would be unjustifyable for them to put the King's Civil List revenues to an expense to renew the prosecution." 5½ *pages*.

19 Oct. 7. Comrs of Revenue (Ireland) to the Lords of the Treasury. Since their letter (relating to Mr Maynard's memorial, in which his disaffection was complained of), Mr Maynard appeared at their board, and produced an information (enclosed) about Mr Melvill's behaviour and voting in the last Parliament. This paper seems to set that matter in another light. Though Mr Melvill still persists in his first assertion of his being perfectly disengag'd from giving any votes in the case of Sr Constantine Phipps, they thought fit to dismiss him. Wait their Lps' directions with relation to the collection of Cork. Custom House, Dublin, 19 Oct. 1771.

Minuted :—"12th Novr 1717. Write to the Comrs to make Mr Maynard Collr of Corke, in the room of Mr Arkwright, and Mr Arkwright to be Survr-Genll in the room of Mr Melvill, dismissed."

The paper referred to is the copy of a letter signed T. Ker, to William Maynard, Esq., and contains a detailed account of Mr Melvill's conduct in Parliament. His votes, apparently, had been given against the Government. 3 *pages*.

19 Oct. 8. An estimate of the gross and net produce of the hereditary and temporary Excise for three years from 1st Augst 1714 to 1st Augst 1717, exclusive of the weekly sum of 3,700*l.*, and the yearly sum of 35,000*l.* appropriated to public uses.

Also :—"Excise. The payments into the Excheqr on the account of the hereditary and tempry Excise, commenced 1st Augst 1714, from said 1st Aug. to 19th Oct. instant." 2 *pages*.

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22 Oct. 9. Duke of Bolton to Mr Addison. Had represented the method taken by the Comrs of Forfeitures in relation to 17,000*l.* demanded by them of the Vice-Treasurers in Ireland, on the pension of 5,000*l.* per ann., and prizage farm of 3,500*l.* per ann., payable on the late establishment of the late Duke of Ormond, forfeited by his rebellion. Encloses the report of the Attorney and Solicitor-General thereon. Desires the affair may be laid before his Majesty, so that it may not come to be a demand upon Ireland. Dublin Castle, 22 Oct. 1717.

Minuted:—"25th Novr 1717. Read."

The report referred to, on the memorial of Hugh Boscawen and Mat. Ducie Moreton, Esqres, Vice-Treasurers of Ireland, and on a paper annexed; as also an Act of Parliament, entitled, "An Act for appointing Comrs to enquire of the estates of certain traitors and of Popish recusants, and of estates given to superstitious uses," in order to raise money out of them severally for the use of the public, and also another Act entitled, "An Act to enlarge the time for making claims," before the same Comrs. Are of opinion that the order made to the Vice-Treasurers for payment of the pension, prizage and butlerage, forfeited by the late Duke of Ormond unto Hugh Henry, Esq., is not warranted by the Acts. 17 Oct. 1717.

Minuted:—"25th Novr 1717. Read." 4½ *pages*.

28 Oct. 10. Board of Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury. Have considered the enclosed letters from Mr Secretary Addison, the Duke of Bolton, and the Officers of Ordnance, Ireland, concerning the state of the 10,000 arms sent thither from Holland in the time of the late Rebellion. They were sent direct from Holland. Know nothing more of them than that his Majesty's warrant ordered them to pay for them, and for the ammunition sent from hence. Hope the office is not to be a sufferer thereby. 28 Oct. 1717.

The account of the charge and the letters referred to. 5 *pages*.

. . Oct. 11. Lord Castlecomer to [Mr. Lowndes.] Has to observe upon the representation sent to him, that the whole of it seems an endeavour of the Comrs of Revenue for Ireland to justify their proceedings; first in regard to Mr Melvill, whom they constituted one of the Surveyors-General (after his being displaced from being Collector of Inland Excise by Lord Sunderland's order, when Lord Lieutenant), and next in regard to their appointing Mr Arkwright to be Collector of Cork, for which they pretend a former order of the Treasury in directing them to place in that collection the most able officer they could find. They own that Mr Melvill has the character of being a Tory, but never heard of his being concerned in the late disorders in Dublin, or in the measures of Sir Constantine Phipps, and that when Lord Sunderland was pleased to write that Melvill should be displaced from being Collector of the Inland Excise, they suppose it was only to make way for Col. Sandford, there being no mention of his being represented as a disaffected person, Has always heard that Melvill is looked upon as a disaffected person, and not as a Tory, only in principle. The putting M^{r} Arkwright into the Collection of Cork was purely their own act. They admit M^{r} Maynard's integrity and ability. Hopes that their L^{ps} will insist on their recommendation of M^{r} Maynard as the Collector of Cork. Kirklington, October . . , 1717. 3 *pages, quarto.*

5 Nov. 12. Report of Edward Northey, Attorney-General, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Thomas Bigg, of the parish of Kimpton, in the county of Hertford, Esq., and Elizabeth his wife, and Sarah Cotton, of the same parish, spinster, which Elizabeth and Sarah are the only sisters and heirs apparent to William Cotton of the parish of Harpenden, in the above county, gent. Certifies that the facts are as represented in the petition, viz., that William Cotton was an idiot from his birth, who hath been in the custody of Robert Jenkyn of Harpenden, gent., by the will of William Cotton, his father. His Majesty may grant the custody of the idiot and management of the estate. Dated 5 Nov. 1717.

The commission and inquisition on the lunacy, the petition, copy of warrant, and another paper relating to this enquiry. 12 *pages.*

6 Nov. 13. Charles Carkesse to W^{m} Lowndes, Esq., and C. Stanhope, Esq., Secretaries to the Treasury. The Com^{rs} [of Customs] were informed that the town of Basseterre, in the Island of S^{t} Christopher, was likely to become the chief place for trade in that island. A piece of ground of about 200 feet square, near the waterside, should be reserved to build a Custom House. Pray their L^{ps} to move for a piece of ground there to be reserved. Custom House, London, 6 Nov. 1717. 1 *page.*

9 Nov. 14. "Memorial and petition" of John Anstis, "Garter," to the Lords of the Treasury. Sets forth what has been done respecting his title to the fees of his office, He says, "that it is a matter of freehold and property," and that he is entitled to the fees until the letters patent can be repealed by *scire facias.* Answers Sir John Vanbrugh. Their L^{ps} will receive a full account of the manner of passing his patent from copies of papers united. Renews his request for their L^{ps}' order to the Exchequer for payment of the fees according to the opinion of the Attorney-General. 9 Nov. 1717.

Copies of two warrants and a letter from W. Bromley to M^{r} Anstis. M^{r} Bromley says, he received the late Queen's commands to prepare and lay before her the warrants for the reversionary patent, and is sure that due care was used that all the steps taken should be regular and legal. The affair depended so long, and he had so often occasion to speak to the Queen to write to the Earl of Suffolk and, he thinks, to the Attorney-General, upon it, that there cannot be the least foundation to suggest that the Queen was surprised in her grant, or that the Earl of Suffolk knew nothing of it. Nov. 6, 1717. 5 *pages.*

19 Nov. 15. W^{m} Popple to Cha. Stanhope, Esq. Since the Lords of Trade and Plantations sent their letter to the Lords of the Treasury relating to the poor people of Anguilla, they have received another

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from Genl Hamilton (extract enclosed), whereby it appears that the poor inhabitants are actually gone from Anguilla to settle on Crab Island, and that General Hamilton apprehends the poor inhabitants in other islands will do the same. Asks what hopes General Hamilton may give to these people that care will be taken of them whenever the French part of St Christopher's is disposed of. The Lords of Trade think it is of great consequence to hinder, as much as possible, these people from dispersing themselves, or removing to some foreign plantations. 19 Nov. 1717.

The extract named.

Minuted:—"My Lords to give them all the encouragemt wch lyes in their power. Write to Lords of Trade accordingly. Lr̃e signed 28th Nov. 1717." 2¼ *pages*.

20 Nov. 16. Lord Sunderland to the Lords of the Treasury. Sends by the King's command a letter from the Duke of Marlborough, with one from the Board of Ordnance to his Grace, and an abstract of the works remaining unperformed at Gibraltar, and an estimate of the expense of finishing the same, for orders to be given thereon. Whitehall, 20 Nov. 1717.

The abstract is now the only paper with the letter. 2 *pages*.

[? About 25 Nov.] 17. Memorial of Hugh Boscawen and Math. Ducie Morton, Esq., Vice-Treasurers of Ireland, to the Lord Lieut. of Ireland. Received an order from two of the Comrs for Estates of Traitors, &c. to pay into the Exchequer in England the sums due to the late Duke of Ormonde from his Majesty for prizage, and on account of his pension of 5,000*l*. per ann. Pray to know his pleasure thereon.

Minuted:—"25th Novr 1717. Read." 2 *pages*.

27 Nov. 18. Comrs of Chelsea Hospital to "My Lords." Great numbers of the men lately reduced are entitled to the out-pension of this College by his Majesty's instructions, by which the board is obliged to admit them. The funds will not meet the charges. Enclose an estimate. Pray for their Lps' commands. 27 Nov. 1717.

The estimate named. 3½ *pages*.

12 Dec. 19. Sir Isaac Newton to the Lords of the Treasury. Is ready to receive at the Mint a ton or two of fine copper in bars every month from Mr William Wood, like the specimen which he had of him (Mr Wood), but if he intends to prepare it some other way, desires a specimen, that it may be assayed. Mint Office, 12 Dec. 1717.

Minuted:—"My Lords agree to the rept." 1 *page*.

12 Dec. 20. "Savoy Hospital.—A state of the Savoy revenue as it stands in charge before the Auditor, and approved of by the Treasury before the Accots were declared."

Signed:—"Tho. Jett, Auditor." Dec. 12, 1717.

Minuted:—"Ult. Xbr. 1717. Direct the officers of ye works to view the houses now out of lease, and to make an estimate of the necessary repairs, & p̃sent ye same to my Lords, and make a warrt to levy the arrears by distress." 6 *pages*.

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14 Dec. 21. ? Cr. Ward [late Sheriff of London] to the R^{t} Hon. Lord Stanhope. After the many troubles he endured in the year of his shrievalty about the State and rebel prisoners in Newgate, did not think he should have had to lay the annexed petition and accounts before his Lordship, but some things seem to deserve his L$^{p's}$ compassion. Dec. 14, 1717.

Accompanied by,—

Letter or petition of William Pitt [Governor of Newgate] to ——. In respect to his account of the expenses he was at in relation to the Preston prisoners. He says, "Why they paid me not themselves is chiefly owing to their inability, y^{e} greatest part of them being either poor Scotts men or others, whose effects were seized, or out of their reach; others that could have paid me were willing, by any, tho' ever so unjust means, to save their money, & to do this with shew of reason, they accused me in general termes, for they could never mention any one particular of extortion & other unjust usage of them to y^{e} greatest men of y^{e} kingdome, w^{ch} was so far harkened to, as that I was deterred from causing them to pay me or removing them from y^{e} use of my house & goods; and at length they were removed out of my custody, many of them to y^{e} King's messeng^{rs}, who were paid by y^{e} governm^{t}, as I am informed, 6^{s} 8^{d} per day for each prisoner, tho' they neither maintained nor took any care of them. The rest were discharged by order of Court, & I in a manner directed to take nothing of them; so that after a most wretched life, such as no man would, & but few could, have endured for about 20 months, if my Lord should not take my case into his consideration I shall find myself in a thousand respects the worse, & in not one particular y^{e} better, for all my pains." The fourth part of the acco^{t} he further says, "is for my close keeping of the other State prisoners for many months, in such manner that they were not permitted access of any body to them, nor to have y^{e} use of pen, ink, or paper, & in separate rooms w^{ch} occasioned a great deal of care, trouble, and charge; & some of them also being extream poor, were not a little subsisted by me." Prays that he may be recommended to his Lordship. Dec. 11, 1717. 3½ *pages.*

Dec. 14. 22. Lord-Lieut. of Ireland (Bolton) to the Lords of the Treasury. On the petition of Sir James Jeffery, Governor of Cork, who desired that the allowance of 10s. a day, which he formerly received in lieu of a company (and which is left out of the present establishment), may be replaced thereon. Has nothing to object if his Majesty sees fit to give him this addition to his government. But it would be better given in any other manner than in lieu of an independant company, as formerly; as well to avoid its being made a precedent in favour of Governors of other garrisons as to prevent its becoming a right to succeeding Governors of the same garrison. Dublin Castle, 14 Dec. 1717.

The memorial referred to.

Minuted:—"31st July 1718. My Lords cannot advise this." 3 *pages.*

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16 Dec. 23. Report of R. Powys to the Lords of the Treasury, on the claims of Robert Jackson, Esq., late Resident at Stockholm. The whole arrears due to him from 9 Feb. 1702 were 3,342*l.* 16 Dec. 1717.

Minuted:—"14th March 1717. Mr Powys to insert in his report what objections were made against paymt of the sum of 2,150*l.* (if any), and to be brought in again when the principal and interest due on the loan of 50,000li at the Exch. is paid off."

Mr Powys adds the following:—"I never heard of any other objec͠on but that of the retrospecc͠on as to the com̃encemt of his allowance by the letters of privy seale."

Draft of the above report. Petition of Mr Jackson.

A letter from him of 6 Dec. 1717, in which he says that his pretensions, as set forth in his memorial, are both just and reasonable, and that he has met with very hard usage in having been so long deprived of his due. Also a letter of the Bp of London in his favour, of 5 May 1714. 8¼ *pages.*

17 Dec. 24. Report of the Attorney-General (Northey) to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition and memorial of Joseph Hinxman, Esq., Chief Woodward of the New Forest, as to the trade of cutting down and carrying away trees by farmers and others, and whether discoveries and prosecutions may be made and carried on at the expense of the Crown, or whether compositions may be made by the petitioner, and whether a commission should be issued to inquire into the rights of estovers, &c. Is of opinion that such a commission will be expensive, and will serve only to inform his Majesty, but will not "conclude" any person whatsoever as to his rights. It will not be for his Majesty's interest to have such a perambulation, for the country may thereby abridge the bounds of the forest, and his Majesty will be "concluded" thereby. It is the duty of the officers of the forest to make perambulations, as is usual in parishes. As to the rights of persons who claim estovers, there being no prospect of a "justice leat," the same can only be determined by a bill against the claimers in the Court of Exchequer, and by the Act of 9 Will. III. c. 36. sec. 9., no claim of estovers is to be allowed that was not allowed according to the laws of the forest before 27 Eliz. It will be dangerous to give officers a power of compounding at their discretion. The dealers in the offal wood, and "cast timber ought not to work them up and coal them in the forest," but to remove them forthwith, &c. Every person making a coal hearth within the forest forfeits 100*l.* As to timber cut for the use of Portsmouth Dock, and delayed in the removal, their Lps could give directions to prevent such delay. The officers of the forest may prevent the cutting of turf, and the rights of turbary may be determined by bill in the Court of Exchequer. Woodstealers may be presented at the Swainmote Court. The verderers of the forest may fine them in sums not exceeding 5*l.* and commit the offender to the common gaol for three months, or until the payment of the fine. Dec. 17, 1717.

The petition and memorial referred to. 6 *pages.*

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[? About 18 Dec.] 25. Proposal made for the sending over to Jamaica and the other colonies of a person with a commission to inquire into piracies committed in the American seas, and to recover money and effects piratically taken.

Docquetted:—"Memorandum, M^{r} Wood."

Minuted:—"18th Dec^{r} 1717. Read." 1 *page*.

20 Dec. 26. Report to the King, of the Com^{rs} appointed to examine and determine the debts due to the army, on the demand of M^{rs} Elizabeth Coatsworth, widow and executrix of Doctor Edward Coatsworth, late Apothecary-General of the Army, (amounting to 12,407*l.* 5*s.* 3½*d.*), for medicines, &c. furnished to the sick soldiers in the hospitals at Dunkirk and Newport in 1712, 1713, and 1714. Are of opinion that the demand may reasonably be allowed, but are unable to certify without a warrant from his Majesty. Dorset Court, Westminster, 20 Dec. 1717.

Minuted:—"24th Jan^{ry} 1717. To Aud^{rs} Imprests to prepare a sign manual." 1 *page*.

21 Dec. 27. Copy of an "Address of the Commons, 21 Dec^{r} 1717, respecting the value of guineas."

[They were not to be uttered or received at a higher rate than 21*s*. each.] 1 *page, quarto*.

[? About 21 Dec.] 28. Petition of James Annand, of Trinity, Minories, in the liberty of the Tower of London, barber-surgeon, to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and "the remnant Lords Comm^{rs} of his Majesty's Treasury." Is a great sufferer for the House of Hanover by the practices of the Jacobites, who several times mobbed him and broke into his house on Tower Hill, threw fire-brands into it, and plundered his goods; and had not the Governor of the Tower and the Justices of the Peace sent some forces to his relief his wife and children would have been destroyed. Was obliged to leave his habitation to avoid their fury, and lost his trade; prays for some small post.

Copies also of a certificate of the truth of the above and an affidavit. 3 *pages*.

27 Dec. 29. Thomas Colby (Transport Office) to the Secretaries of the Treasury (Lowndes and Stanhope). Sends an account of the bounty money, &c. paid to 208 poor Germans transported back to Holland. Transport Office, 27 Dec. 1717.

The account referred to, entitled:—"An account of the charge of transporting from London back to Rotterdam 208 poor forreigners of the dutchy of Wirtemberg, and other parts of Germany, in October 1717." 2 *pages*.

31 Dec. 30. Lord Lieut. of Ireland (Bolton) to the Lords of the Treasury. Encloses the petition of William Purefoy, Esq., recommended by the House of Commons for half-pay as Major and Captain from 1702, when the commission was taken from him by the Earl of Rochester, under pretence of his refusing to go to the West Indies. Has nothing to object to the half-pay, but by no means thinks it proper that his half-pay should commence as far back as 1702. The petitioner

would be content for it to commence from the King's accession; but even this may be an ill-precedent. Dublin Castle, 31 Dec. 1717.

Minuted:—"31 July 1718. Agreed to without any retrospect."

The recommendation and the petition.

Similar letters and corroborative documents respecting half-pay of the following persons:—

William Ormsby, Esq. *Minuted*:—"22 March 1717–18. To be considered when ½ pay is to be settled." *Again*:—"31st July 1718. Prepare a letter."

Lieut. Thomas Disney. *Minuted*:—"31 July 1718. Agreed to."

George Mosse. *Minuted*:—"31 July 1718. Agreed to."

Lieut. Robert Montgomery. The petition *minuted*:—"31 July 1718. Prepare a letter."

Gustavus Hamilton, Edmond Macnaghton, Denny Cuffe, and Richard Collins.	*Minuted*:—"22d March 1717–18. To be consider'd when the ½ pay is to be settled."

Theophilus Jones. *Minuted*:—"To be layd before ye K." 20¼ *pages*.

[? Dec.] 31. Petition of Mossom Wye to the Lords of the Treasury. Before the late Rebellion, was, by the King's orders, sent to Paris, with proper instructions to insinuate himself into the secret designs of his Majesty's enemies, which he accomplished. Continued for a considerable time in France at his own expense till discovered by the King's enemies, when he was obliged to return home. Besides which, after his return from France, he made seasonable discoveries about Sir Willliam Windham. Has received luxuriant and unperformed promises from Lord Townshend; and a little before his Majesty's return from Hanover, with fresh promises, Lord Townshend informed him that he had an affair of secrecy and importance to intrust him with, viz., the Swedish minister being embarked with the King's enemies in pernicious designs against the Government, the petitioner must take notice from whom he received, and to whom he paid visits. This service he performed. On Lord Townshend's removal, applied to Lord Sunderland, who forwarded his petition for 300*l.* for his expenses to their Lps, together with a recommendation for a provision. As yet he has received no benefit, only 100*l.*, indorsed on his petition to the King. Sends copies of several credentials. The latter dated in Dec. 1717.

Minuted:—"4th Feb. 1717–18. To be read again when Ld Stanhope is here." *Again*:—"19 March 1717–18, 200li p Mr. Lowther." In the *Minute Book*, Vol. 21, p. 178, 12 Dec. 1717, is:—"Mossom Wye, 50li bounty p Mr. Lowther."

There is also an undated letter from the petitioner to the Rt Hon. Robert Walpole, Esq., on the same affairs, appealing to him to order him the 100*l.*, which Lord Townshend recommended him for, as he had an opportunity to send his children to Ireland to his father to support.

Minuted:—"19th Janry 1721–22. Prepare a warrt for 100li bounty." 4 *pages*.

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32. Copy of a memorial of Dudley Downes, one of the Deputy Chamberlains of the Receipt of the Exchequer at Westminster. Is advised that the right of seniority in the respective offices of Chamberlain and Deputy Chamberlain belong to Sir Simeon Stuart as Chamberlain, and to memorialist, as his Deputy. Attended with the Deputy Chamberlain's key in the several offices of the Tellers for the opening and locking up of the several chests according to usage, &c. Prays for the usual fee of 40*l.* per ann. for this duty.

There is an addendum at the end dated December 1717, to the effect that in Jan. next it will be three years since he performed these duties. Prays for a warrant for payment. 3 *pages, gnawed by vermin.*

VOL. CCX. 1717. CLASSIFIED (PART I.).

1. Letters from the Secretary of the Admiralty, principally to William Lowndes, Esq., as to advances for the Naval service, remission of the officers' taxes, &c. 8 *papers, and one or two inclosures.*

2. Divers petitions of the Hackney Coachmen and their widows, to the Lords of the Treasury, for restoration of licences and complaints against the Comrs for licencing, &c. Also, "The reply of the Hackney Coachmen and widows to the report of the Comrs for Licencing Coaches, &c."

There are also two other papers entitled respectively: "The Coachmen's clause, humbly ask'd for," and "The Coachmen's clauses as alter'd by the Commissioners." 8 *papers.*

3. A parcel of financial papers, such as accounts of cash received and paid for Civil List expenses, supplies, deficiencies, produce of funds, revenues settled for the service of his Majesty's household, debts on the Civil List, &c. 23 *papers and one or two enclosures.*

4. Applications and recommendations for places and pensions. 23 *papers and some enclosures.*

5. Reports of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury on various subjects, as follows. On the crimes for which Mr William Spry, junior, collector of Exeter, was dismissed, and as to illegal fees; on freedom from customs of stores sent to the forts and garrisons of the East India Coy (petition only); on prosecution of a bond for exportation of prohibited East India goods; for alteration of destination of a ship; on stopping ships on bare suspicion; admeasurement of keels; on the case of George Werden, a tidesman in the port of London, who was preferred to that office for his early discovery of the plot and rebellion in the north, and for seizing rebels concerned therein. [He afterwards charged other officers with stealing tobacco, &c., and with drinking to the health of King James III] (several papers); and on the case of the "Concord," a Dutch ship, and her cargo retaken from the Swedes by the "Deal Castle." On the rebuilding of the Custom House:—[The pavillions at the east and west end of the Custom House must be rebuilt. Have asked

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Mr. Thomas Ripley, carpenter to the Custom House, and clerk of the works, for plans. Have treated with the wharfingers and lessees of the Custom House Key, for the cellars and warehouses adjoining the north part of the Custom House, and the east end of the house lately taken of Sir John Cope, called the "Rose and Dolphin Tavern." Ask their L^{ps} to concur in their plan to obtain a straight line for the new building towards Thames Street. Are informed the building will not exceed 17,000*l.* A new long room is intended to be on the north side, where the officers are to sit for the despatch of the merchants, and it will be larger and more commodious than that at present in use; and that business may not be obstructed, the new long room is proposed to be finished before the old one is pulled down. Recommend Ripley to be employed as the surveyor. 9 May 1717.

[The following is in the *Minute Book,* Vol. 21, p. 140, 2 Aug. 1717:—"Com^{rs} of Customes attending according to order are called in. Their presentment relating to the building the Custom House is read. My Lords direct the Com^{rs} of Customes to inform themselves what estates or interests in possession, reversion, or remainder, any persons or corporacõns have in the ground or building of the Custom House, or convenient to be layd thereto, and to receive proposals from them, or such of them, as are willing to sell such estates or interests to the Crown; and when they have proceeded as far as they can in such enquiry, and receiving such proposals, that they report to their Lordships their own opinions in relation to the said estates & interests respectively, in order to be layd before the Parliament to obteyne an Act or Acts for confirming such agreements as shall be thought reasonable to be made concerning the same."]

On a letter of the Governor of the Tower concerning the Com^{rs} keeping possession of a piece of ground on Tower Hill, used to keep the timber and other materials for repairing the Custom House [against giving it up]; on charges of indirect practices against Mr. John Bowen [Com^{rs} fully acquit him, and commend his diligence; on the contrary, George Werden, who was recommended to succeed him, was ignorant and faulty in his duty, vexatious and insolent to his superiors, and the frequent complaints made by him to the Board were found to be malicious and groundless]; on a seizure of cocoa nuts; on the case of Edward Sprake, a tidesman at Topsham; on the "replication of Crew Offley, Esq., & Richard Perry" to the Com^{rs}' report on the case of John Offley, a debtor to the Crown.

[*Minuted:*—"6th August 1717. Read. My Lords are of opinion that the composicõn offered will evidently be of greater advantage to the publique than the most dilligent prosecution at law, but doe not find it in their Lopp̃s power to make the same, and therefore leave it to the pet^{rs} (if they thinke fit) to apply to Parliam^{t} for reliefe in this case."]

As to the doing away with four smacks at Poole, Fowy, Penzance, and Padstow, and the making an addition of officers in their stead. [*Minuted:*—"War^{t} signed with some alteracõns of officers."]

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As to a commission from the Court of Exchequer, making the New Key, built in the port of Biddeford, lawful. [*Minuted* :—" 5th Novr 1717. Prepare a wart in the usuall forme."]

And as to the Borders between England and Scotland, and the officers there, and the prevention of frauds. 17 *papers, besides enclosures.*

VOL. CCXI. CLASSIFIED. PART II., AND UNDATED.

1. Reports, &c. of the Comrs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, namely:—On the memorial of William Crosse as to an erroneous method of gauging casks; on an anonymous letter concerning William Harrison, and others, accused of disaffection. They say, " We have looked into the book called the Pilgrims, mencioned in that letter, and find the same to have been printed so long since as the year 1701; that it appears to be an impertinent foolish book, intended for a comedy, but to contain nothing that is scandalous or seditious. We have made particular enquiry concerning William Harrison, author thereof, and cannot discover that he has at any time writ verses in praise of Sacheverell, or reflected on the memory of the late King William, or on the Duke of Marlborough, but have been informed, that in the latter part of her late Majtys reigne, he set up for a great advocate for that administration, & since his Majtys accession, has taken those libertys in his discourse, which we conceive can admit of no other construccõn, than that of his being a friend to the Pretender, and have therefore discharged him"; on arrears due to the Civil List of his late Majesty King William; letter transmitting an establishment of the Excise officers, with their salaries and allowances; on the gross and net produce of Excise from hops, candles, and new duties; for a clause to secure the duties on liquors and exciseable commodities carried coastways; on the payment of 72,244*l.* 16*s.* 7¾*d.* into the Exchequer; on methods used by the maltsters in working malt for exportation; on the gross and net produce of the hereditary and temporary rates and duties of excise. 9 *papers and several enclosures.*

2. Four papers relating to Lotteries. 8 *pages.*

3. Estimates of debt, repairs, rebuilding, &c. in the Royal Navy, including two letters. 7 *papers.*

4. Various papers connected with the Pay Office, including estimates for the guards, garrisons and land forces, and for the plantations, and Minorca and Gibraltar. 13 *papers.*

5. Letters and papers connected with the Victualling Office relating to French, Portuguese, and Scotch salt, and to provisions for Gibraltar, Placentia, and Annapolis Royal. 5 *letters and enclosures.*

6. Two memorials from the Board of Works for payment of the debt of the office. 2 *pages.*

Undated or Imperfectly Dated, but supposed to be of the Year 1717.

7. Memorial of the poor French Protestants who receive the charity of his Majesty through a committee, to the Lords of the Treasury, praying as well for what remained in arrear during the late Queen's reign as in that of his Majesty's. They were allowed 15,000*l.* a year, and there was due during her Majesty's reign, 3,500*l.* The arrears for the first two years of the King had been paid or ordered, but nothing was ordered for the current year.

Also an "Acco^{t} of what has been paid to the French refugees since his Ma^{ts} accession to the Throne." 3 *pages.*

8. Petition of Mary Whiting, widow, sister of Captain John Walton, deceased. Petitioner's brother served the Crown many years at sea and in the army, and his last post was that of Lieut.-Governor of the Virgin Islands, where he resided above two years, during which time he made very material surveys, plans, and observations for the settling of those islands "in such manner that it might have been of the greatest advantage to the trade and navigation of this kingdom, as well as have broke the severall gangs of pyrates, and prevented the robberys they have since committed." These schemes were favourably reported on, but he was so wearied out, having expended upwards of 2,000*l.* and all his substance, that he was forced to pray his Majesty that his salary, &c. might be paid. The Board of Trade reported thereon that the salary and a gratuity ought to be paid. An Order in Council issued to the Lords of the Treasury to relieve him, but notwithstanding his daily solicitations, he could get no success, and died at the petitioner's house, who was forced to be at the expense of his burial. Prays payment, being a widow with seven children in great misery.

Copy of his commission as captain of foot. Also copy of the petition. 4 *pages.*

9. A financial paper entitled, (1) "The Annuities examined as to the first purchase, the subscription & remainder;" (2) "The Redeemables examined as the sums advanced, subscribed and remaining." Undated, but after 1716. 1 *page.*

10. Statements of what is due to the troops of the King of Great Britain, Elector of Brunswick and Lunebourg: namely, "from the province of Holland, from the province of Utrecht, North Holland," and "de la Generalité;" and for extraordinary wages, waggon money, and forage of the troops of the above, as well as for the 12th battalion of Rantzau and the Regiment of Bothmer. (French). In various years between 1702 and 1716. Undated, but after 1716. 10 *pages.*

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11. Petition of Robert King, Esq., one of the sureties of Mr Robert Peters, late Receiver-General of Taxes for the co. of Hertford, to the House of Commons. Has in several petitions laid his case before the Lords of the Treasury. Thinks it a very great hardship that he should be proceeded against at the suit of the Crown, since 2,257*l.* 4*s.* 10½*d.* has been paid into the Exchequer, and the Crown has actually received 3,007*l,* 1*s.* 3*d.* deposited in Lord Carnarvon's hands to pay the debt, and may receive the remainder of the debt from Sir Roger Mostyn's office, when the Lords of the Treasury order it to be paid. After 1716. 2 *pages.*

12. Memorial for Patrick McDowall, of Edinburgh, gent. In right of his father-in-law, has a claim on the Government for 910*l.*, with interest since the year 1696. Sir Robert Walpole, Chancellor of the Exchequer, told him he could not expect the English to pay the Scots' debts, and until he could find a fund in Scotland undisposed of, he could not expect payment. The retoured duties or fines payable by the vassals of the Crown in Scotland, upon their being admitted tenants, are not disposed of, and there is no regular account of them brought into the Exchequer. The tenants ordinarily give bonds to the sheriffs of the counties where the estates lie, to be accountable for these fines when called for; and being small sums and attended with trouble and expense, they are seldom or never enquired for; and when Parliament men happen to be admitted tenants, they procure gifts from the Treasury of the duties or fines payable by them.

The few duties or quit rents payable to the Crown out of the estate of the late Earl of Seaforth in the north of Scotland, have not been paid since the Rebellion, the lands not being yet sold, and the rents cannot be levied but by military force; prays that he may have a warrant for receiving such duties until the debt and interest thereon is paid.

[? About 1717.] 1 *page.*

13. Rules and regulations for preventing frauds committed by ships trading from the Islands of Guernsey and Jersey to Great Britain and Ireland. [? 1717, or a little later. An Act mentioned as passed in the 3rd year of his present Majesty.]

Also a "scheme of officers." 5½ *pages.*

14. Petition of Nicholas Paxton, attorney-at-law, to the Lords of the Treasury. Was employed by the Government to go into Scotland to collect evidence against the Scotch prisoners that were to be tried at Carlisle. After an examination of the prisoners in the several prisons of Edinburgh, went to Stirling to examine the prisoners there, by which he procured very material witnesses. After he had collected all the evidence he could get in Scotland was ordered to go to Carlisle, where amongst the prisoners brought to be tried, he procured several, who had no estates to forfeit, to become witnesses against others, by whose attainder for high treason many considerable estates became forfeited to the Crown. Was the only

solicitor for his Majesty for managing the trials there. These prosecutions detained the petitioner for five months from his private affairs, by which his business is entirely ruined, several of his clients having been obliged to put their affairs into other attornies' hands, and others having taken a distaste to petitioner for his having engaged in that service. Prays their Lps, in consideration thereof, to nominate him to succeed Mr Montague in the offices of Solicitor to the Stamp Office and Register and Controller of the Clerks and Apprentices' Articles and Indentures, now vacant by the death of Mr Montague.

Minuted:—"The place is dispos'd of."

Also certificate in his favour. 2½ *pages.*

15. Petition of John Roope, storekeeper of Alicant Castle, to the Rt Honble James Lord Viscount Stanhope, First Ld of his Majty's Treasury, &c. The Comrs for determining the debts of the army still demur to the auditing and certifying the balance due to petitioner (222*l.* 12*s.*), for provisions laid into the castle of Alicant. Prays that he may not be thrown into a gaol in his old age, as a recompense for his faithful services, viz., in the Irish transport, in Newfoundland, Alicant, and in the Battle of Villa Viciosa, where, and in Newfoundland, he was taken prisoner and lost all, and had hard imprisonment. [Undated, but end of 1717.]

Letter on the same subject. Dated 14 Sept. 1717. 2 *pages.*

16. "The case of Mr Sausmarez, concerning his petition presented to the King's most excellent Majesty, referred before ye Right Honorable James Stanehope, Baron Elevaston, and Viscount Mahon, and ye others, Lords of his Majesty Treasury." Showing that the Island of Guernsey from the Conquest has been solely governed by the Kings of England as their ancient domain, annexed to the Crown by the Conqueror: that his Majesty and his predecessors have an undoubted right to change, repeal, &c., the laws or customs in the said island as they please; that the island has never been liable to the laws, customs, or usages of England, nor to any taxes, &c. payable here by the subjects of England, because ye said island has never been parcel of England; that generally all the grounds, &c. are holden by grant in fee from the Crown in most reigns; that the domain which is granted is an advantage for the poor inhabitants, because 'tis spent amongst them. Prays for a favourable report of his case to his Majesty. [Between 1717 and 1721.] 1½ *pages.*

17. Memorial for the Comrs and Trustees for Forfeited Estates in Scotland to the Lords of the Treasury, asking for directions about the settlement for purchases made by the York Buildings Company. [? About the year 1717.] 1 *page.*

18. A memorial of what is demanded by the Earl of Breadalbane for his services and losses by the King's troops in his house garrisoned for two years; according to the affidavits before the justices of the peace at Edinburgh and Perth. 1716 and 1717.

He claimed 3,610*l.* 0*s.* 8*d.*, besides two years' rent of the grounds. He says, the whole house is ruinous, the floors burnt, wainscoting likewise so, roof damaged by rains and neglect, the windows broken, &c., so that it will require to be rebuilt. 1 *page.*

19. Petition of Gabriel Napier to the Lords of the Treasury. Was commissary for the horses employed in the train of artillery at the battle of Shirriffmoor, where there were several horses killed and others lost, and for which Commissary Burroughs refused to make any allowance, as it was before he was appointed commissary-general. Was continued commissary for the horses set out by the shires of Stirling, Clackmannan, and a part of Perthshire, in the expedition to the north, where there were several horses and furniture lost. Was also employed by the Duke of Argyle to raise and receive 700 horses that were demanded from the shires of Air, Lanark, Renfrew, Dumbarton, and town of Glasgow, for which he had no reward. Prays inquiry and an order for payment. *?* 1717 or 1718. 1 *page.*

20. Petition of Mr John Shields, of Doncaster, in the co. of York, milliner, and James Cowen, of Owston, gardener. William Thompson, of the city of York, a reputed Papist, having at several times attempted to seduce several persons in the county of York, and particularly the wife of petitioner and James Cowen, the petitioner, from the Protestant religion to the Church of Rome, they thereupon applied to the justices of the West Riding, and particularly to Thomas Wesby, of Ranfeild, who took informations and bound petitioners to prosecute Thompson for high treason. Petitioners preferred an indictment of high treason against Thompson but the trial did not come on, and petitioners had to attend at the Lent assizes before Sir John Fortescue Aland, Knt, one of the Barons of the Court of Exchequer. Thompson was acquitted, but it was thought good to commit him to the Castle of York, where he continued a prisoner. Expended thereon 57*l.* 9*s.* 3*d.* Pray relief. [1717 or 1718. From Sir John Fortescue Aland being a Baron of the Exchequer.] 1 *page.*

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DOCUMENTS for which a brief description suffices.

Date.	Description of Document.	From	To	Purport.
1717. [? About 4 Jan.]	1. Form of Commission.	Lords of the Treasury.	To all, &c. -	For an Agent Receiver of Forfeitures. On the back is :—"4 Janry. 1716–17." 4 *pages*.
[? About 4 Jan.]	2. Petition -	John Gawler, of Portsmouth, merchant.	George, Prince of Wales, Guardian of Great Britain.	For repayment of money supplied to a detachment of Col. Goring's late regiment of marines.
	Do. -	Do. - -	Do. - -	Prays payment of 158*l.* 15*s.* supplied to the garrison of Portsmouth. 2 *pages*.
7 Jan.	3. Letter - -	Lord Galway - -	Lords of the Treasury.	For a pension of 1*s.* a day to the widow of Daniel Lewis, an ensign of Colonel Barrel's regiment. 1½ *pages*.
[? About 11 Jan.]	4. Memorial -	Col. Montague, Lieut-Col. Benson, and Lieut.-Col. Killigrew, for themselves and others of the Royal Regiment of Dragoons.	Do. - -	For an allowance of 291*l.* 17*s.* 4*d.* which had been deducted from their pay. *Minuted* :—"11th January 1716. Ref. to Comptrs. of the Army." Also the Pay Office certificate. 2 *pages*.
15 Jan.	5. Affidavit -	Richard Yeo, of Exeter, Gent.	—	As to the gratuity of 5*s.* and upwards on debentures to the Collector of the Port, and 2*s.* 6*d.* to the Deputy Controller: the same being voluntarily given by the merchants. 1 *page*.
18 Jan.	6. Report - -	Comrs. of Excise -	Lords of the Treasury.	On the petition of Mr. Ralph Wallis. Although equal to the duties of a clerk, they do not think him equal to the duties of Controller. *Minuted* :—"28 January 1716–17. My Lords agree to the Report." The petition. 2 *pages*.
25 Jan.	7. Letter - -	James Stanhope -	Do. - -	For a pension of 200*l.* per ann. to Mr. Luke Schaub, for many good services done to his Majesty. *Minuted* :—"A. S. M. for paymt. ꝑ Mr. Clayton." 1 *page*.

Date.	Description of Document.	From	To	Purport.
[? About 25 Jan.]	8. Petition -	William Dale, Assistant to the Clerk of the Acts (Navy).	Lords of the Treasury.	For repayment of the taxes on his salary for the years 1693 and 1694, he being the only person not relieved therein. *Minuted* :—" 25th Janry. 1716–17. Read and rejected." 1 *page*.
28 Jan.	9. Report - -	E. Williamson - -	Do. - -	In favour of allowing his claim for salary from 1708 to 1710 as a clerk to the Comrs. to state the debts of the late King William. *Minuted* :—" 11th April 1717. Agreed." Also the petition. 2 *pages*
8 Feb.	10. Letter - -	P. Methuen - -	Do. - -	His Majesty's pleasure is that Thomas Ogle, of Linckhouse, in the county of Northumberland, clerk, should have 40*l.* for having travelled up to London to give information for his Majesty's service. *Minuted* :—" 12th March 1716–17. To be paid ꝑ Mr. Cracherode." 1 *page*.
[About 14 Feb.]	11. Indenture (copy).	Lord Bingley, Ambassador Extraordinary to the King of Spain.	Master and treasurer of the jewels.	As to plate delivered to him. *Minuted* : — " 14th February 1716–17. Write to ye Jewell Office to know whether Ld. Bingley has returned the same specified plate yt. was delivered to him by that indenture." 1 *page*.
19 Feb.	12. Warrant (copy)	The King - -	Joseph Gascoigne, Esq.	To be Receiver-General of the revenues of Minorca. 2 *pages*.
22 Feb.	13. Letter - -	L. Armstrong - -	William Lowndes, Esq.	Encloses a letter as to his hardships. Asks that the agents may make up the account of the garrison of Annapolis, so that he may discharge his debts and repair to his command in America. [The enclosure not now with it.] 1 *page*.
26 Feb.	14. Letter - -	Duke of Roxburghe -	Lords of the Treasury.	It is his Majesty's pleasure that Mr. Charles Cockburn, Advocate, be made a Comr. of Excise in Scotland, in the room of George Drummond. *Minuted* : — " 3d April 1717. Prepare a warrt., William Mure to be Comr. of Police in room of Mr. Cockburn." 1 *page, quarto*.

Date.	Description of Document.	From	To	Purport.
28 Feb.	15. Proposals	—	Lords of the Treasury.	To prevent frauds in the Customs by drawbacks, &c. as "It appears that no oaths can be any security against fraudulent traders." 1 *page.*
8 Mar.	16. Letter	James Stanhope	Do.	For 100*l.* to be paid to Richard Werge, minister at Alnwick, for good services performed when the rebels were in arms in Northumberland. *Minuted* :—" 12 March 1716–17. Ordered, ꝑ Mr. Cracherode." 1 *page.*
8 Mar.	17. Do.	Charles Carkesse	Mr. Lowndes	About the ship "Ann and Elizabeth," said to be bound for Frederickstadt. Encloses letter thereon. 2½ *pages.*
20 Mar.	18. Report	Tho. Burgh, Esq., Surveyor-Genl.	His Excellency	On certain goods supplied, to whom is not shown. [It is mentioned that 493 yards of matting were supplied for the Council Chamber]. (Copy.) 1 *page.*
22 Mar.	19. Letter	James Stanhope	Lords of the Treasury.	For paymt. to Moses Beranger of bills drawn by Mr. Leathes, H.M. Minister at the Hague, *Minuted* :—" 25th March 1716–17. Ordd., send advice to Mr. Beranger." 1 *page.*
25 Mar.	20. Do.	Do.	Do.	For payment of 50*l.* to Mr. John Child. *Minuted* :—" Wart. signd. 29th M. 1717." 1 *page.*
26 Mar.	21. Memorial	Officers of Ordnance	Do.	Cannot get any part of the debt due to them from Ireland; 10,000*l.* of which was to finish the gun wharf, &c. at Portsmouth. Ask for a repetition of the order to the Treasurer of Ireland. 1 *page.*
26 Mar.	22. Letter	James Stanhope	Do.	For payment of 100*l.* to Col. Thomas Hartopp, of the co. of Leicester. *Minuted* :—" 28th March 1717. Prepare a Sign Manual, Warrt. signd." 1 *page.*
29 Mar.	23. Do.	Do.	Do.	The Paymaster General to answer such bills as Col. Rapin shall draw for the subsistence of the prisoners at Chester Castle. *Minuted* :—" 17th April 1717. Ordered." 1 *page.*

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1 April	24. Letter - -	James Stanhope -	Lords of the Treasury.	For payment of money expended by Lord Cadogan for the public service. *Minuted*:—"17th April 1717. Prepare a S. Manual." 1 *page*.
1 April	25. Do. - -	George Lee - -	Lord Castlecomer	Reminds him of his promise to the Bp. of Londonderry to procure a reference of his petition to Ireland. 1 *page*, *quarto*.
5 April	26. Memorial -	John Lansdell on behalf of the Hon. Henry Mordaunt.	Lords of the Treasury.	For re-issue of 1,305*l*. 18*s*. 2*d*. for service of the Office of Ordnance. *Minuted*;—"L're signed." 1 *page*.
5 April	27. Testimonial -	John Cambridge -	—	As to the attention to their duties at Fresh Wharf by Samuel Becket and his partner (apparently Custom House officers). 1 *page*.
8 April	28. Certificate - -	James Stanhope -	—	Testifying that Capt. William Taverner, his Majesty's Surveyor of the Coasts of Newfoundland, returned to England on 8 March 1715–16. 1 *page*.
[? About April.]	29. Memorial -	Henry Montague, son of John Montague, late Register and Comptroller and Accomptant of H.M. duties on moneys paid or contracted for with clerks and apprentices.	Lords of the Treasury.	Prays for a warrant deputing him to the office. Also the Attorney-General's opinion on the patent to Controller of these duties, and the authority to appoint. *Minuted*;—"Warrt. signd. 18 April 1717." 2 *pages*.
[? About the same date.]	30. Similar memorial.	Do. - -	Do. - -	"In relac'on to another memorial, presented by Mr. Ashurst, the Comptroller of the duties on stampt vellum, parchmt., &c." Also copy of the above opinion. 3½ *pages*.
26 April	31. Memorial -	J. Vanbrugh - -	Do. - -	For their Lps. order as to whom he should deliver the books and papers relating to the stating of King William's debts. 1 *page*.

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29 April	32. Letter - -	C. F. Kreinberg -	"My Lord" -	For stay of prosecution by the Attorney General in a cause wherein Mr. Paul and others were concerned. 2 *pages, quarto.*
30 April	33. Affidavit -	Charles Lowndes, of St. James', Westminster.	—	As to an arrear of 54*l.* 3*s.* 3*d.* on his allowance of 60*l.* per ann. as a Clerk of the Comrs. for stating the debts of King William. 1 *page.*
[? About 1 May.]	34. Representation	Comrs. of Customs, Scotland.	Lords of the Treasury.	As to the unfitness of Peter Balzlow to be an officer for Salt Duties at Alloa. After being instructed at Preston Pans he is unfit for his duties. Two certificates of his unfitness and a letter on the same subject. 5 *pages.*
27 Feb. and 3 May	35. Report - -	Committee of Council	[Lord Lieut. of Ireland, &c.]	On the accounts of Robert Baillie, Upholsterer, for repairs and furniture for the Castle of Dublin. A letter signed "Thomas Burgh," and a schedule of deductions on the account, &c. (Copies.) 3 *pages.*
[? About 3 May.]	36. Petition -	Samuel Brooke, late a coast waiter in the port of London.	Lords of the Treasury.	For re-appointment as a land-waiter, tide surveyor, or coast-waiter. [In reference to his services says, in the time of the late Ministry that he seized 13 pictures of the Pretender, for which he was put into his then "employs" by Earl Godolphin, to whom he had the honour to be related.] Certificate relating thereto. *Minuted :* — "3rd May 1717. My Lords can do nothing in this at present." 2 *pages.*
4 May	37. Report and other papers.	Auditor Harley -	Do. - -	On the petition of Mr. Jeremiah Garrard for an allowance for his charges and services about the accounts of the Comrs. for Sick and Wounded Seamen, in the reign of King William the Third. 5 *pages.*

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6 May	38. Memorials and five other documents.	Sir Roger Mostyn (Pay office.)	Lords of the Treasury.	For payment for services in disbanding the marines to Lieut.-Genl. Wills; to Cornelius Morphy, an office keeper; and to Mr. Sherrar, an extra clerk. *Minuted*:—"Write to Sir Roger Mostyn to lay a state of his accot. before my Lords. 27th Novr. 1717. Trearer. Navy to issue this sum out of the reversionary annuitys in his hands, to be paid over by Sir Roger Mostyn to Genll. Wills. Comrs. Navy to make out a bill accordingly." 6 *pages.*
9 May	39. Memorial -	William Coventry, Esq., Master Keeper of the Bailiwic of Frisham, in the new Forest.	Do. - -	About the repairs for Bolderwood Lodge. *Minuted*:—"Ref. to Survr. Woods to make his report of the repairs necessary." 1 *page.*
[? About 15 May.]	40. Representation	Edward Hughes, Esq. Judge Advocate Genl. of H.M. Forces.	Do. - -	As to his duties, salary, &c., and that of his clerk, and further, as to extra pay to Mr. Bealing, Secretary to the Controllers of the Army Accounts. *Minuted*: — "15th May 1717. Ref. to Secretary-at-War." 2 *pages.*
15 May	41. Letter - -	Ch. Delafaye - -	Mr. Jett, Auditor	For Lord Sunderland to be informed what surplus there is (if any) of the Land Revenue &c. 1 *page, quarto.*
16 May	42. Do. -	Charles Medlycott -	Lords of the Treasury.	For an order for the embarkation of 3,000 pairs of shoes for the garrison of Gibraltar, the same being stopped on account of the duty. Also another letter on the same subject. 2¼ *pages, quarto.*
20 May	43. Do. -	Lord Sunderland -	Do - -	For payment of 50 guineas to reimburse Mr. George Tilson, who advanced the same to Capt. Adam Williamson, who went to Holland to take care of Baron Gortz during his confinement. 1 *page.*
7 June	44. Memorial -	Admiral Aylmer -	Do. - -	For an allowance for hay provided for the deer in Greenwich Park. *Minuted*: —"35li per annū, 4th July 1717. Order'd. Wt. sign'd 9th July 1717." 1 *page.*

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[? About 20 June,]	45. Petition -	Clothiers of H.M. Forces.	Lords of the Treasury.	Praying payment of the off-reckonings. *Minuted:* — "20th June 1717. To be brought in the next week." 1 *page.*
29 June	46. Letter - -	Lord Sunderland -	Do. - -	For 1,000*l.* to be lodged with the Treasurer of the Chamber for the expense of Foreign Messengers. *Minuted:* — "24th July 1717. Order'd." 1 *page, quarto.*
3 July	47. Do. -	Comrs. for Forfeitures	Do. - -	For an order for 1,200*l.* by way of imprest to pay salaries. 1 *page.*
3 July	48. Do. -	Jacob Reynardson (Customs.)	The Hon. Col. Morton, Duke St., St. James's Square.	Complains that Mr. Earle, whom he describes as "our choice member," has taken a pique against him and complained of his execution of his duty, and now that he is disaffected. Begs that the Treasury may be forewarned thereof. Dated Bristol. With a note recommending the letter to the Chancellor of the Exchequer. 2 *pages.*
3 July	49. Memorial -	Comrs. for stating the debts due to Scotland for the equivalent.	Lords of the Treasury.	Pray payment of their salary. 1 *page.*
11 July	50. Letter - -	Lord Sunderland -	Do. - -	For the issue of 100*l.* to Captain Edward Thomas, for the expenses of Count Gyllenborg and his retinue, from Plymouth to Harwich. 1 *page.*
16 July	51. Report - -	Comrs. for Hides, &c.	Do. - -	In favour of the securities proposed by Thomas Penney of Keyford, in the parish of Yeovill, Somerset, gent., Receiver-General for the co. of Somerset. Also the petition of Penney. *Minuted:* — "16th July 1717. John Rodbard appointed." 2 *pages.*
16 July	52. Do. -	John Merril, Esq., Deputy, to John How, Esq., Paymaster of the Forces.	Do. - -	On the memorial of Sir Charles Hotham respecting the pay of his regiment. The petition and two other papers. *Minuted:* — "13th Decr. 1717. Prepare a warrt. Warrt. sign'd 2nd Janry. 1717." 5 *pages.*

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22 July	53. Letter - -	? Council of the Prince of Wales.	Lords of the Treasury.	For an account of the tin undisposed of to be transmitted; the right of pre-emption being in his Highness as Duke of Cornwall. Prince's Council Chamber at Somerset House. 1 *page*.
[? About 25 July.]	54. Petition -	John Colston - -	Do. - -	For re-employment, having been superseded from supplying stationery ware to the Comrs. of Excise. Two other papers relating thereto. 3 *pages*.
26 July	55. Order for reference.	Lords of the Treasury	Lord Lieut. of Ireland.	For opinion on the petition of Capt. Richard Wolseley to be placed on half-pay in Ireland. 1 *page*.
? About 26 July.	56. Petition -	Capt. John Bayze -	Lords of the Treasury.	Prays for restoration of 2*s*. a day of his pension, from the time of the breaking up of the French regiments. [In 1696 he had a pension of 5*s*. a day for a great wound. This had been reduced to 3*s*.] A certificate and copy of letter in his favour from the Bp. of Derry. *Minuted* :—"26 July 1717. Read." 3 *pages*.
July	57. Do.	Henry Badcock, late Collector of Lyme Regis.	Do. - -	For an examination into his case and re-establishment in his office as Collector of Customs at Lyme Regis. Also nine certificates in his favour, one dated July 1717. 6 *pages*.
2 Aug.	58. Do. -	Martin Watson, Thomas Thorpe, David Edwards, and Edw. Turpin, land carriage men (Custom House).	Do. - -	For a reference to the Comrs. of Customs for their character, in order that they may be restored to their employments. Also a certificate. *Minuted* :—"6th August, 1717. Read and rejected." 2 *pages*.
6 Aug.	59. Representation.	Comrs. for Hides, &c.	Do. - -	About uniting the old and additional duties on hides, &c., and paying the same into the Exchequer under one head. Also a memorial relating thereto. 2 *pages*.
[About 6 Aug.]	60. Petition -	Thomas Bulley, late Collector of Customs of Fowey.	The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Radnor and the Bp. of Winchester.	For a recommendation of his case to the Comrs. of Customs for re-appointment. With two other papers. 3 *pages*.

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6 Aug.	61. Report	Tho. Jett, Auditor	The Rt. Hon. Lord Viscount Stanhope, Chancellor and Under Treasurer of the Exchequer.	As to allowance of travelling charges of John Stainforth, gent., Receiver-General of York, Durham, &c. Also his petition. 2½ *pages.*
7 Aug.	62. Estimate	—	—	Debts of the Transport Office. 1 *page.*
7 Aug.	63. Letter	Lord Sunderland	Lords of the Treasury.	For 50*l.* to Capt. Edward Thomas, for the expenses of Count Gyllenborg and his retinue to Harwich. *Minuted*:—"To be paid." 1 *page.*
8 Aug.	64. Do.	Saml. Edwards for Cofferer of the Household.	Do.	Encloses computation of the Board of Green Cloth of the expense of the household, &c., amounting to 21,260*l.* *Minuted*:—"11th Sept. 1717. Orderd." The computation. 2 *pages.*
8 Aug.	65. Do.	C. Stanhope for the Lords of the Treasury.	Attorney-General	Encloses report of Mr. Auditor Harley on the case of Capt. Gardner, with respect to a sum charged upon him, in super of which he prays allowance for opinion thereon. The cover of the report only is with the letter. 1 *page.*
[? About 14 Aug.]	66. Memorial	Wm., Lord Cadogan, Master of the Robes.	Lords of the Treasury.	Desires an imprest to pay off the tradesmen. Also an account of the sums due. *Minuted*:—"14th August 1717. Orderd." 2½ *pages.*
14 Aug.	67. Letter	Lord Sunderland	Do.	For issue of a warrant to pay Lord Cadogan 2,500*l.* above his other allowance, for the expenses of his entry as Ambassador at the Hague.
18 Sept.	68. Do.	Comrs. of Customs	Do.	Send an account of the gross and net produce of the new subsidy. The account named. 2 *pages.*
24 Oct.	69. Do.	Edw. Young	—	About trees felled in Cranborn Chace and Windsor Forest. Dated Dunford, 24 Oct. 1717. 3 *pages.*

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? About 26 Oct.	70. Petition	Alexander Choke, Chief Clerk to the late Comrs. for stating the debts of King William III. for himself and clerks.	Lords of the Treasury.	For payment of their salaries. Also a certificate and an affidavit. 3 *pages.*
29 Oct.	71. Letter	Lord Chamberlain	Do.	For orders to be given to pay 1,000*l.* to the Master of the Ceremonies, as a present to Count Volkra, Envoy Extraordinary from the Emperor, on his departure. 1 *page.*
31 Oct.	72. Petition	John Bamber, merchant.	Do.	For a *noli prosequi* for having landed two "bulces" of diamonds in ignorance that there was a duty of 1 per cent. on them. *Minuted* :—"31st October 1717. My Lords see no reason to give any further order in this matter." Also two other papers on the same subject of a somewhat later date. 3 *pages.*
6 Nov.	73. Report	Comrs. for Debts to the Army.	The King	Arrears to the Dragoons, General Sybourgh's regiment, and Col. Chudleigh's. *Minuted* : — "3d April 1718. To Audrs. imprests to prepare a S. Manual for these allow'ces, pursuant to the Act of Parl't in that behalf." 1½ *pages.*
6 Nov.	74. Do.	Do.	Do.	Arrears of the Spanish regiment of foot commanded by the Earl of Gallway. 3 *pages.*
8 Nov.	75. Account	—	—	Imprest money repaid into the Exchequer in the year 1717. 1 *page, quarto.*
9 Nov.	76. Warrant	Duke of Newcastle	Master of the Great Wardrobe.	For furniture for the rooms at Westminster, where the journals, books, and papers belonging to the House of Commons are kept. 1¼ *pages.*
9 Nov.	77. Letter	Lord Roxborough	"My Lords"	The Marquis of Annandale is to be put on the Establishment for Scotland for 3,000*l.*, the King having granted him 1,000*l.* per ann. addition to his salary as Keeper of the Privy Seal in Scotland. *Minuted* : — "My Lord Stanhope has rec'd the King's pleasure for this. 17th Decr. 1717. Warrt. signd." 1 *page.*

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11 Nov.	78. Letter	Lord Sunderland	The Lords of the Treasury.	Encloses two accounts from the Comrs. for stating, &c. the debts due to the army. [The accts. not now with it.] 1 *page.*
13 Nov.	79. Petition	Isaac Dalais	Do.	For arrears due to him as the late Queen's secretary at Hanover. 1 *page.*
[? About 18 Nov.]	80. Do.	Charles Dartiquenave, Paymaster of H.M. Works.	Do.	Prays additional allowance of 200*l.* per ann. for his services. *Minuted:*—"18th Novr. 1717. My Lords will move the King to make this allow' ce from Michas. last." 1 *page.*
[? About 20 Nov.]	81. Do.	Robert Bedoe	Do.	For 3*s.* 4*d.* a day for keeping the gates leading out of the Privy Garden into Cannons Row, Westminster, and the waterside. *Minuted:*—"20th Novr. 1717. See what hath been paid him in this reign, and by what warrt." Further down is:— "He hath 100*l.* a year paid him in the Office of Works by his Mats. wart., countersigned by the Lords of the Trea'ry, for cleaning the street from Scotland Yard Gate to Westmr. Gate." 1 *page.*
[? About 28 Nov.]	82. Do.	Richard Little	Do.	For an additional building lease of houses in Little Queen St., granted by King Charles II. to the late Earl of St. Albans' trustees. *Minuted:*—"28 Novr. 1717. Ref. Surveyr. Genll." 1 *page.*
30 Nov.	83. Report	Comrs. for Hides, &c.	Lords of the Treasury.	As to the accounts of Mr. Smart, Receiver for Hertfordshire, and Mr. Ashby's arrears, and proceedings against his securities. 2 *pages.*
Nov.	84. Estimates	—	—	Slaters' and smiths' work for Holy Rood House, by order of Sir John Anstruther, Master of H.M. Works in North Britain. 2 *pages.*

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[? About 5 Dec.]	85. Petition -	James Phillipps, Receiver of Land and Window Tax, Glamorgan, Carmarthen, Pembroke, and Cardigan, the town of Haverford West, and borough of Carmarthen.	Lords of the Treasury.	For allowance of 359*l.* 13*s.* 3*d.*, &c., in connexion with his accounts. *Minuted:* — "5th Decr. 1717. My Lords cannot give a preference to the petr., he having received a fourth part reported due to him with the rest of the recrs." 1 *page.*
7 Dec.	86. Letter - -	Charles Carkesse, for the Comrs. of Customs.	Mr. Lowndes or Mr. Stanhope.	Sends extracts from letters of the Collector of Hull, &c. as an addition to their late representation in respect to the smuggling. 3¼ *pages.*
[? About 7 Dec.]	87. Memorial -	Althemea Boden, widow and relict of Abraham Boden, deceased.	Lords of the Treasury.	For a pension in England. *Minuted:* — "Read." 1 *page.*
9 Dec.	88. Letter - -	Lord Sunderland -	Do. -	Encloses petition of Richard Perry for leave to apply to Parliament to discharge John Offley of a public debt. The petition and another paper. 3 *pages.*
[? About 17 Dec.]	89. Petition -	Mossom Wye - -	Do. -	For a tidesman's place. Also copy of a certificate of Lord Townshend in his favour. Dated 17 Dec. 1717. 1 *page.*
17 Dec.	90. Warrant -	Lords of the Treasury	—	For revoking Mr. Colby's office of Comr. for Transport Service. 1 *page.*
17 Dec.	91. Letter - -	Board of Ordnance -	Lords of the Treasury.	For an order of part of the 59,981*l.* 0*s.* 8½*d.* due to them. *Minuted:* — "30th Decr. 1717. Order'd. To Ordnance Sea Service 26,000*li.* out of 4 p. cent. tallys in the hands of the Trearer. Navy, & 14,000*li.* land service out of loans on Malt 1717." 1 *page.*
[? About 20 Dec.]	92. Memorial -	Major-General Sabine, on behalf of the regiment of Welsh Fusiliers.	Do. -	For payment of a debt of 626*l.* 7*s.* 8*d.* due to the regiment (being the difference between English and Irish pay.) *Minuted:* — "20th Decr. 1717. Qu. how Brigadier Bowles & Bland were paid." 1 *page.*

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—	93. Memoranda -	—	—	As to appointment of customers of the port of London, &c. 1 *page*, *quarto*.
—	94. Do. -	—	—	Touching various Acts of Parliament relating to certain revenues, appropriation of surpluses, &c. [In or after 1717.] 4 *pages*.
—	95. Petition -	Elizabeth Piles, widow and executrix of Dominick Piles, master bricklayer to Queen Anne at Windsor Castle.	Lords of the Treasury.	For payment of 189*l*. 3*s*. 8*d*. due for materials and workmanship at Windsor Castle. 1 *page*.
—	96. Memorial -	Robert Rutherford, for himself and partners, late commissaries of the army in Scotland.	Do. -	For allowance on their accounts. *Minuted* :—"Warrt. signed 11th July 1717." Encloses a memorial of 13 Feb. 1712–13. 4 *pages*.
—	97. Petition -	Eleanore Peterson, widow of Erasmus Peterson, late Chaiseman to the Prince of Denmark.	Do. -	For payment of seven months' arrears. Also copy of a warrant appointing Peterson, who died in 1716. 2 *pages*.
—	98. Do. -	John Dee, Esq., Recr. - Genl. of Taxes for Sussex.	Do. -	For allowance of 500*l*. on the Land Tax for 1716. 1 *page*.
—	99. Do. -	Anthony Springett, late Recr.-Genl. of Taxes and Duties on Houses and Marriages for Sussex.	Do. -	For allowances on his account. "1717." 1 *page*.
—	100. Memorial -	Michael Hyde, Esq., Commissary - General of the Musters.	Do. -	For allowance of arrears. Also extract from his patent. 2 *pages*.
—	101. Estimate -	—	—	As to the gain to the nation by the East India Trade. After Christmas 1717. 1 *page*.

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1. New years gifts or other annual dues to the Secretaries and Clerks of the Treasury. Also to the Lords. 1717–18. 6 *pages*.

1 Jan. 2. Report of the Surveyor-General, on the petition of James Goodeve, respecting a lease of certain lands lying near Gosport, in the county of Southampton, which he desired to obtain.

"These premises containe about five acres and three roods, and cost the Government 1,200*l.* (a very extravagant price), and by a survey made in 1716, it being garden ground, and well planted with fruit trees of about fifteen years growth, was then valued at 23*l.* per ann. Since that time great wastes have been committed on the same, and the utmost that has been bid for it is 12*l.* per ann., which the petitioner is willing to give:" recommends the grant of the lease for 31 years. 1 Jan. 1717.

The petition referred to. 2 *pages*..

[? About 4 Jan.] 3. Account of the gross and neat produce of alienations from the last day of Mich. term, 1715, to the end of Mich. term, 1717. Dated 3 Jan. 1717–18.

On the back is a memorandum that it was received on 4 Jan. 1717.

Also a list of the officers and their salaries. Dated Alienation Office, 3 May 1717. 2 *double pages*.

6 Jan. 4. Lord-Lieut. of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury. In the Session of Parliament in 1715, at the time of the late Rebellion, the House of Commons of Ireland, to encourage the half-pay officers on the Irish Establishment to assist the standing army and militia, addressed his Majesty that they might have full pay. Part of the half-pay officers were commanded to stay in Dublin, and others were sent to distant garrisons, but have not received their full pay for the time they were on duty. Upon a petition from them the house resolved "that orders were issued by his Majesty and the Government of this kingdom at the time of the late unnatural Rebellion in Great Britain, that all officers on half pay should repair forthwith to the city of Dublin." Gives also other resolutions passed on the same subject. Desires their Lordships to represent this matter to the King, that he (the L^{d}-Lieut.) might be empowered to pay arrears. Dublin Castle, 6 Jan. 1717–18.

Minuted:—"11th March 1717. To be layd before the King." 3 *pages*.

6 Jan. 5. The same to the same, on the petition, &c. of Daniel Hintz, agent to the Protestant Palatines in Ireland. Referred the matter to the Com^{rs} appointed to settle the Palatines, whose report he encloses, and is of their opinion that if the royal bounty of 624*l.* per ann., already granted to them till 28th March 1719, were con-

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tinued for a further term of 14 years, it would be a favour well bestowed, and might strengthen the Protestant interest in Ireland. Same date.

Minuted:—" 31 July 1718. Prepare a warrant." *Again*: " 12th August 1718. Warrt signed."

The report and petition referred to, and another memorial from the agent on the same subject. 6 *pages*.

8 Jan. 6. Report of the Barons of the Exchequer of Scotland to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Mr James Haldane, who had been appointed to succeed (as third master) Mr Patrick Haldane, dismissed from the Professorship of Ecclesiastical History within the new college of St Andrews in Scotland. Conceive that his Majesty may constitute the above Mr James Haldane, with an allowance of 105*l*. out of the rents of the late bishops in Scotland.

Transmit the draft of a grant. Excheqr, Edinburgh, 8th January 1717–18.

Minuted:—" 31st July 1718. Agreed to. Transcribe the signature for the King's hand."

The petition and draft referred to. 6½ *pages*.

9 Jan. 7. Memorial of Sir Matthew Decker for regulating the exchange at 5¼ dollars per pound sterling, for the pay of four battalions from the Duke of Brunswick Lunenburg in the service of the King of Great Britain. London, 9 Jan. 1717–18.

Minuted:—" 25th January 1717–18. Read. Ref. to Mr Sloper." 1 *page*.

10 Jan. 8. Memorial of Mr Walpole, Auditor of the Plantation Revenues, to the Lords of the Treasury. Represents that no accounts of the casual revenues arising in the Leeward Islands have been rendered to his office for a great many years, which may have arisen from the confusion of affairs there. Recommends Charles Dunbar, Esq., as a proper receiver of the casual revenues there. Jan. 10, 1717.

Minuted:—10th January 1717–18. Read. My Lords will appoint an officer and direct the Audr to propose what allowance by poundage or otherwise is fit to be made. *Again*:—" 26th Janry 1717. Brought back by Mr Walpole. My Lds will farther consider it."

Also petition of Christopher Prissick, on behalf of Charles Dunbar, and a schedule of the rates of allowances to receivers in the plantations. 3 *pages*.

14 Jan. 9. Proposal of Mos. Beranger to the Lords of the Treasury, for remittances to Gibraltar and Port Mahon, viz., the former at 54*d*. and the latter at 54½*d*. per piece of eight. London, 14 Jan. 1717.

Minuted:—" 15th January 1717–18. My Lords agree to this proposal." 1 *page*.

[? About 18 Jan.] 10. Petition of [Basset Ede] to the Lords of the Treasury, to be appointed commander of a sloop to prevent the running of goods (Scotland). States the various services in which he had been

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employed; one of which was, when in command of the "Royal George" sloop, to watch the rebels. Succeeded in frustrating them in taking the city of Edinburgh. They broke open his house at Leith, and gutted and rifled it, but he escaped.

The copy of instructions to him when in command of the "Royal "George," amongst which was to unmast and take off the rudders from every ship or bark, and to burn and destroy such boats as should not be sent to Leith according to his desire.

Also two other papers, one of which is dated 18 Jan. 1717. 4 *pages, gnawed by vermin.*

20 Jan. 11. Report of A. Cracherode to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petitions of James Lindsey, Edward Shaftoe, Crain Liddell, and Eneas Cameron, concerned in the Rebellion, and afterwards witnesses for the King against the persons taken with them. They thereby incurred the displeasure of all their former friends, and now pray for relief. Represents that the services of the first three were small, and that the moneys they had received whilst subsisted as witnesses were a sufficient reward, but Cameron's services deserve to be further considered, as he was a material witness in several trials, and gave his evidence conformable to his original informations. Is of opinion that he deserves the like sum and pension that were ordered to M^r^ James Lappan, another witness, viz., 10*l.* in money, and 30*l.* per ann. pension, &c. 28 Jan. 1717.

Minuted:—"27th March 1718. This rep^t^ to be abstracted and layd before the King." 5½ *pages.*

23 Jan. 12. Representation of the Com^rs^ of Excise, Scotland, to the Lords of the Treasury, of the difficulties that attended the management of the revenue of Excise, which required a parliamentary remedy. The principal of these was the 12 gallons Scots, amounting to between 35 and 36 gallons English. The brewers detained 1–17th part of the duties charged by the officers. Excise Office, Edinburgh, 23 Jan. 1717–18. 2 *pages.*

25 Jan. 13. Certificate of Francis Neale, Deputy Clerk of the Pipe, to the Lords of the Treasury, of the payment by Sir Peter Delme, Kn^t^, and Sir Harcourt Master, Kn^t^, sheriffs of London, of 440*l.* to Anne Parker, John Mills, and divers others, for the apprehension of divers felons and burglars. Pipe Office, Jan. 25, 1717.

28 Jan. 14. Report of the Auditors of Imprest (Harley and Foley) to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of the Earl of Carnarvon, and the method of making up his accounts in respect to the money which rests unsatisfied upon several Bills of Exchange in connexion with the expedition to Canada. In favour of allowance to the Earl. 28 Jan. 1717.

The memorial and list of the bills drawn.

Minuted:—"12 Feb. 1717. Prepare a warr^t^ pursuant to the Aud^rs^ report." *Again*:—"18 Feb. 1717, warr^t^ sign'd." 2 *pages.*

31 Jan. 15. Report of the Surveyor-General (Cholmley) to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of the Earl of Carlisle, who desired

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a lease of several parcels of land in Cumberland, which descended to the Crown upon the death of the late James Dacres, Esquire. The property consisted of the site of the dissolved monastery of Lanercost, &c., and a water corn mill there, formerly granted to Thomas Dacres and his heirs male, which reverted to the Crown by failure of heirs.

Recommends the grant of a lease of 31 years at a rent of 40*l.* per ann.

On the back is a Treasury warrant for a constat or particular of the premises, in order to the passing of the lease.

The memorial. 3 *pages.*

1 Feb. 16. Report of the Attorney-General to the King, on the petition of James Duke Crispe, late Secretary to Chelsea Hospital, who was taken into custody by two of his Majesty's messengers. They also seized all his books and papers in that office. He was released on bail the next day. In Easter Term last the Attorney-General exhibited an information against him, for entering 24 men on the books as out pensioners, without authority of the Governor and Com^rs^. The trial was put off. Petitioner says that his papers have been destroyed, and he is not able to make a defence without them, and he never entered one person as a pensioner without sufficient warrant. Prayed a *nolle prosequi.* The Attorney-General says, that if it be true as sworn by the petitioner and others, that a much greater parcel was seized than has been produced, and among those wanting, are the warrants which would justify him, it will occasion great clamour on the office and the prosecution, as it is unjust to seize papers necessary for the defendant's defence, and not to have them produced for his use at his trial. 1 Feb. 1717–18. 17 *pages.*

1 Feb. 17. "Lil^l^." Norman to the Hon. Wm. Lowndes, Esq. Several accounts have been ordered to be laid before the House of Commons from the Com^rs^ of Customs to find a remedy to prevent the exportation of coin. Recommends that the Lords of the Treasury should require the Com^rs^ of Customs in England and Scotland to lay before them an account of the date of each bond, the value of cargo at landing, &c., with a particular account how each bond has been discharged from 1707 to 1717. 1 *page.*

10 Feb. 18. Report of the Controllers of the Accounts of the Army to the Lords of the Treasury. On three lists of the number of persons victualled in the garrison of Gibraltar, between 12 Aug. 1717 and 3 Nov. following; and also as to the quantity of provisions laid into the storehouse by the contractor, 30 Sept. 1717. There is due to the contractor, 3,464*l.* 15*s.* 1⅞*d.* Are informed by Mr. Hill, agent for the contractor, that the lists are lost, the mail going to Madrid having been robbed. 10 Feb. 1717–18.

The three lists, &c. are notwithstanding enclosed.

Minuted:—"11th Feb. 1717, rec^d^. The Paym^r^ Forces to insert this in his next demand."

Again:—"18th Feb. 1717. Warr^t^ signd." 2½ *pages.*

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12 Feb. 19. Report from the Postmasters General (Cornwallis and Craggs) to the Lords of the Treasury, of the number of guineas or other pieces of gold mentioned in the King's proclamation, in the hands of their officers on 31 Dec. [1717]. Altogether there were 3,180 guineas, and the allowance on them at 6*d.* each amounted to 79*l.* 10*s.* General Post Office, 12 Feb. 1717. 1 *page.*

14 Feb. 20. Report of Mos[es] Beranger to the Lords of the Treasury, on the state of the tin under his direction in Holland, 14 Feb. 1717. The quantity sent in August 1710 was 11,098 blocks, or 1,600 tons, on which he lent 100,000*l.*, and he was asking to be allowed to sell at current rates. 2 *pages.*

19 Feb. 21. Richard Jones to the Lords [of the Treasury], in answer to an advertisement in the "St. James's Post," announcing himself as the author of a letter from a liveryman of the city of London to a member of Parliament about coining copper farthings and halfpence, and that he waits at the Treasury to know their Lordships' pleasure. 19 Feb. 1717.

Minuted:—"R. 20th Feb. 1717, and read. M^{r} Jones to attend on Monday next wth sev^{ll} samples of copper & proposals. Sir Isaac Newton to attend at the same time with the assay master & Kings clerk. Lr̃e sent accordingly." ½ *page.*

21 Feb. 22. Report of M^{r} Thomas Colby to the Lords of the Treasury, upon the exception made by the officers of the regiment that were transported from Ireland to Scotland in the time of the late Rebellion, against the charge set upon them on account thereof by the Transport Office. For the provisions supplied by this office to regiments on shipboard from England or Scotland, to Holland or Flanders, or back again, or from Flanders or England to Ireland, annual accounts of deductions to be made for the same out of the pay of the regiments, have been transmitted to the paymaster. But for the troops that have been sent to foreign places, as Spain, Portugal, the West Indies, or upon descents, her late Majesty's pleasure was signified not to give in any charge for transportation to the paymaster of the army. As no provision appears to have been made by this office on the like occasion and service, as that on which these regiments were transported from Ireland, their case seems new to him; nevertheless the regiments upon their late transportation back to Ireland (that is to say, the foot) provisioned themselves, and the dragoons were charged for the provender supplied by this office. Transport Office, 21 Feb. 1717–18.

Encloses three other papers. 6 *pages.*

21 Feb. 23. Sir John Lambert and E. Gibbon to the Lords of the Treasury. Send an account of tin disposed of at Hamburg towards payment of the principal and interest advanced by them. Desire leave to sell at the price the markets will allow. 21 Feb. 1717–18.

The account referred to. 2 *pages.*

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[? About 22 Feb.] 24. Petition of Wm. Benson, Esq., to the Lords of the Treasury, for the grant of a lease of a small piece of ground in the Privy Garden, near the water side, to erect a lodging, it being of no manner of use to his Majesty.

Minuted:—"22d Feb. 1717. My Lds will consider this another time." 1 *page*.

24 Feb. 25. Certificate of the Comrs for building 50 new churches, of the good behaviour, &c. of Mr Leacroft, who was nominated by his Majesty as Treasurer and Receiver of moneys for building the same. 24 Feb. 1717–18. With signatures of several of the Bishops.

Minuted:—"28 Feb. 1717–18. Stop Mr Robinson's warrt till further order from their Lopps." 1 *page*.

24 Feb. 26. Proposal of Mr Richard Jones for coining copper farthings and halfpence. 24 Feb. 1717–18.

The copper was to be equal in goodness to that coined in King Charles II.'s time.

Minuted:—"Mr Jones to bring in a new proposal on Thursday." 2 *pages*.

25 Feb. 27. Another similar proposal by Mr Daniel Hall. 25 Feb. 1717. 1 *page*.

26 Feb. 28. Lord Coningsby to ———. As directed by Lord Stanhope, sends the letter of Mr Bangham, the Receiver-General of Hereford. On Monday last was the first time he heard of his apprehensions, though, as Lord Lieutenant of the county, he might pretend to have some share in the recommendation of a Receiver-General. Yet if the gentleman who was to be removed was not every way fit for the employment, and his successor as much the contrary, he would not interpose.

The letter referred to. Says that it is publicly discussed that Mr John Caswell is to have his place, &c. Leominster, 22 Feb. 1717. 2 *pages*.

[? About 28 Feb.] 29. Petition of the Mayor and Burgesses and other inhabitants of the town of Lyme Regis to the Lords of the Treasury. His Majesty has continued to the corporation an annuity of 100*l*. granted by his predecessors, payable at the Exchequer, for the "consumacõn, conservation and repair of the pier called the Cobb," built in the sea near the borough. The pier or cobb is of late years in great decay and ruinous, insomuch that the corporation has so deeply mortgaged their town lands to repair the same, that the annual income will hardly discharge the interest money. The trade and navigation of the town will be lost, unless the cobb is kept up, being situate in the deepest part of the Great Bay, betwixt Portland and the Start; and the inhabitants are so impoverished by losses from the two late wars, that they are unable to repair the same without assistance. Pray an addition to the annuity.

With signatures.

Minuted:—"28 Feb. 1717–18. Read. To be considered when my Lord Stanh[ope is] at the Treasury." 1 *page*.

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7 March. 30. Samuel Burton to Lord Coningsby, at his house in Albemarle Street, London. Received a letter from General Gorges, mentioning his desire to lay out 14,000*l.* as near these parts as he could, and that Lord Coningsby had named the Baron of Burford's estate, which he seemed desirous to have if there were a good title. Apprehends he is desirous of coming into Parliament if any place should offer. When in London, a little before Mr Smith of Worcester's death, was told his estate near Ledbury was to be sold; if there is a good title, will enquire after it. Mr Harley's family and their tools had given out through all this country that they had laid him (the writer) up in Newgate for 500*l.*, to remain there until payment. Several people believed it, and were as much surprised to see him, as if he had risen from the dead. Several of his friends met him at Radnor, where the bells were ringing, and they were drinking his Lordship's (Lord Coningsby's) health. It was also reported that he and Bangham were turned out of being receivers, and that Spencer of Leominster was to succeed him, and John Caswell to succeed Bangham. Has paid in every penny of the money he has received.

Hopes if his Lordship thinks him in any danger [as regards his appointment], he will speak to some of the Lords of the Treasury. Vronlace?, 7 Mar. 1717. 1½ *pages.*

10 Mar. 31. Lord Sunderland to the Lords of the Treasury. Encloses petition of Mons. John Francis Richard d'Epinouze, which had been laid before the King, who commiserating his circumstances, was inclined to extend his bounty to him. For directions to be given relating thereto. Whitehall, 10 March 1717–18.

Minuted:—"12th March 1717. Examine the list & see if this person have any allowce out of the 15,000li for French Protestants, or on any other establishmt."

Again:—"13th March 1717. There is no such name neither in the printed list, nor in Mr Clayton's & Blagny's list, nor in the Irish list."

Again:—"16 July 1718. Rejected."

In his petition he describes himself as "fils de noble Antoine Richard Viscomte, seigneur de Boussieres, de Prantigni, d'Epenouse, directeur et gouverneur en chef des biens et domaînes que le feu Roi Guillaume troisieme de glorieuse memoire possedoit, en Bourgogne et dans la principauté d'Orange." Prays, on account of his father's services and his own losses, for assistance. Whilst prosecuting his studies at Paris he had become a Protestant. (French.) 3 *pages.*

12 March. 32. Report of the Attorney General (Northey) to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petitions of (1) Sir Bibye Lake, Bart.; (2) Robert King, Esq.; and (3) an agreement between them all touching the affairs of Mr Robert Peter, late Receiver-General for Hertfordshire, who failed in debt to the Government, 13,149*l.* 11*s.* 4¼*d.* 12 March 1717–18.

The two petitions referred to and two other papers.

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In the *Minute Book*, Vol. 22, p. 33, 15 May 1718 is:—

"Sir Biby Lake, Mr King, & counsel on both sides, are called in. Mr Chancellour acquaints them that the Lords have considered the report of the Attor.-Genll, wherein the whole affair between them is stated. Sir Biby Lake begins to open the case, but my Lords refuse to hear the matter ex parte. Genll Wills, who is a party concerned, not being present, my Lords will hear & determine this matter to morrow, when all partys are to attend."

Again at p. 37, 23 May 1718:—"Genll Wills to have a copie of the late Attor.-Genll's report about Peters' debt, & to make his exceptions against it, wch with the reasons that shall be offer'd by Sir Biby Lake, et al., are to be referr'd to the present Attor-Genll, who will be desired to consider the same & report his opinion with all speed." 17½ *pages.*

12 March. 33. Report of the same to the same, on the report of Mr Auditor Harley, relating to the claim of Mrs Harriet Ramondon, daughter and executrix of Doctor Thomas Lawrence, first physician of the late Queen Anne, to have the salary of the first physician of his Majesty from 1 Aug. 1714, when the Queen died, till the 25th of September following, when the doctor died, which salary Dr Shadwell received, though he was not constituted physician to his Majesty till 15 Oct. following; also on the papers annexed to the report. Is of opinion that Dr Lawrence was not continued by the Act of Queen Anne, after her death, but that his employment determined by her death, and that what he did in attending at the opening of the late Queen, was as her physician, and was his duty so to do, and the directing him so to do did not constitute him his Majesty's first physician. 12 March 1717–18.

Minuted:—"3d April 1718. The Rept is approved."

The Auditor's report, and eight other papers connected therewith. One of them is a copy of the account of what was observed at the opening of her Majesty's body, and is as follows:—"Kensington Palace, 2 Augst 1714. Upon opening the body of her late Majty, of blessed memory, we found a small umbilical hernia omentalis, without any excoriation, a large omentum well coloured, no water in the cavity of the abdomen, the stomach thin, and its inward coat too smooth, the liver not schircous [? scirrus], but very tender and flaccid, as were all the rest of the viscera of the lower belly, the gall, bladder, kidneys, and urinary bladder without any stone. There was a very small scorbutick ulcer on the left leg. We can give no further account, being forbid making any other inspection than what was absolutely necessary for embalming the body." 19½ *pages.*

16 March. 34. Order of Council referring the petition of Charles Osborne, Esq., brother to the late Duke of Leeds, setting forth that he had a pension settled on him by King William III., which was continued till the present accession, when it was left out, and praying in consideration of his great age and extreme necessities, for its resto-

ration. Referring the matter to the Lords of the Treasury. 16 March 1717.

Minuted:—"16 July 1718. My Lords cannot advise the continuance of this pencõn; but the arreares due to her [*sic*] to be paid out of the produce of tyn, with the rest of the late Queen's creditors."

The petition referred to 3 *pages*.

24 March. 35. Memorial of the Com^{rs} for putting in execution an Act for taking and stating the debts due and growing due to Scotland by way of equivalent to the Lords of the Treasury, praying payment of an arrear for salaries, incidents, &c., as there was now a saving in the clause of appropriation for the year 1718 for the Com^{rs}' salaries, incidents, &c., with all arrears thereof. 24 March 1717–18.

Minuted:—"3^{d} April 1718. Respited." 1 *page*.

25 March. 36. Lord Lieut. of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury. Encloses letter of the Lords Justices, touching the payment of the money usually allowed at the end of every three years to new clothe the State officers and the Battle Axe guards, attending the government of Ireland. Desires their Lordships to obtain the King's warrant for payment of the sums required in time for his Majesty's birthday. Also encloses another letter received from the Lords Justices relating to the allowances to the Speakers of both Houses of Parliament and to the Clerk of the Privy Council and Clerk of the Hanaper in Ireland for their services in the last sessions, as also to several officers in Great Britain, for their trouble in relation to the Bills of that session, together with a list of the particular sums to be paid. Desires his Majesty's warrant to be procured for the same. Dover Street, 25 March 1718.

Accompanied by the first-named letter only. 2½ *pages*.

25 March. 37. A. B. to the Lords [of the Treasury]. Having defrauded his Majesty in the sum of 186*l*. 2*s*., and believing that a repentance in word or thought only can be deemed at best but hypocritical, without restoring the sum wrongfully detained, has presumed to trouble their L^{ps} with the enclosed bank notes to be applied to the public service. 25 March 1718. 1 *page*.

The particulars of this application are entered in the *Minute Book*, Vol. 22, p. 5, 26 March 1718. The Minute adds "that according to his desire my Lords have directed [the money] to be paid into the Exchequer for the use of the public." Also, "Prepare an advertisement to be inserted in Saturday's Gazette, signifying the receipt of the letter and the application of the money accordingly."

26 March. 38. Report of the Surveyor-General to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Sir Henry Liddell, Bart., who prayed to have a lease of the Holy Island, in the county of Northumberland and bishopric of Durham. Barbara Collingwood, in the year 1692, obtained a lease of the property (except the benefit of the port or haven and castle within the island and lands deserted by the sea). About a year since she applied for a reversionary lease, and the

surveyor proposed that she should pay a fine of 230*l.* Has been informed that she cannot raise the money. The surveyor proposes that if the lease is not completed in a limited time a lease should pass to the petitioner. 26 March 1718.

Also the petition.

Minuted :—"Granted to Col. Middleton." 2 *pages.*

[? About 27 March.] 39. Petition of Rowland Tryon, merchant, in behalf of Walter Hamilton, Esq., Governor of the Leeward Islands, to the Lords of the Treasury. The governor had to repair to his governorship with such speed that he had not had time to get warrants passed in the usual form for chapel necessaries and communion plate, which the late governor, Mr Douglas, returned to the Jewel Office. Petitioner obtained the warrants. Prays their Lps' directions thereon.

Minuted :—"27th March 1718. To be abstracted and layd before the King."

Also the two warrants. 3 *pages.*

[? About 28 March.] 40. Petition of John Bowack to the Lords of the Treasury. Has for many years taught the children of the Chapel Royal writing and accounts, under the direction of Dr. Croft, in London; also at Windsor and Hampton Court. For teaching them in town the late Queen granted an allowance, and for travelling and teaching them when out of town. Has received no travelling allowance for 1716 and 1717. Prays payment.

Minuted :—"28 March 1718. Rejected." 1 *page.*

28 March. 41. Robert Sedgwick, Clerk of the Jewel Office, to the Lords of the Treasury, sending an account of the plate delivered out of the Jewel Office to various persons, by indenture not yet discharged, or returned to the Jewel Office. Jewel Office, 28 March 1718.

The account referred to, containing a long list of ambassadors and others. The first indenture referred to is in 1685.

Minuted :—"Read to my Lords the 1st April 1718. To be again consider'd." 2½ *pages.*

31 March. 42. Charles Carkesse to William Lowndes, Esq. The extents issued against John Burridge, jun., merchant of London, indebted to the Revenue, being ordered to be taken off, the Comrs of Customs think it necessary for the service that fresh process of extents issue against his estate, and will give orders forthwith to their solicitor, unless the Lords of the Treasury direct the contrary. Custom House, London, 31 March 1718.

Minuted :—"The Comrs to take care that the process issue against him, to secure and levy the King['s] debt effectually." 1 *page.*

31 March. 43. Lord Lieut. of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury. Sends a list of payments made in 1717 out of the *Concordatum* money, which had occasioned that fund to be overdrawn 2,403*l.* 3*s.* 5½*d.*; also the Lords Justices' representation thereon. Prays the usual warrant. Dover Street, 31 March 1718.

The representation referred to, but the list is not with it. 2 *pages.*

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Dec. 1717–March 1718. 44. An account of money laid out for Capt. Norbury, going up to [the court of] Mequinez.

Account of some things bought up, to add to the Emperor of Morocco's present.

Also divers receipts given for similar payments made by Admiral the Hon. Charles Cornwall, Esq., by the hands of Mr Robert Gamble, between Dec. 1717 and March 1718. 14 *pages.*

[? After March.] 45. A list of pensions added by his Majesty's warrants since the 1st of May 1717. Also—

A list of persons deceased and determined since the 1st of May 1717. The date is probably after March 1718 from mention of the "present Treasury Comn." 1½ *pages.*

[After March.] 46. Petition of Charles Dartiquenave, Esq., to the Lords of the Treasury. Was appointed one of the Board of Works to join in re-examining all the bills and accounts passed by the former Board, from the demise of the late Queen, whereby 3,000*l.* was saved to the Crown. Gave his whole time without recompense to this labour. The expenses of the office do not exceed 14,400*l.* per ann., whereby petitioner's customary fees are considerably diminished, and the ancient allowance of 10 per cent. is no longer sufficient to defray the Treasury and Exchequer fees, the charges of Privy Seals, passing accounts, and other contingencies. Prays an allowance of 3*d.* per pound for all moneys imprested to him, commencing from 1715, in lieu of 10*s.* per cent. [Undated, but after March 1718, when the new Lords of the Treasury were appointed.] 1 *page.*

1 April. 47. Lord Coningsby to Mr Lowndes. Has entered a *caveat* against Caswell's brother being a receiver, as he is obliged to leave town before their Lps will proceed in the affair. Sends a memorial on the subject. Hopes it will put a stop to a thing so prejudicial to the public. Wishes their Lps would send for the minute upon this affair before they make any banker, especially Caswell, Receiver-General. 1 April 1718.

The memorial or letter of Thomas Harris to Lord Coningsby respecting the disposition of the best place belonging to the county, which the "new knight, St. George," said was under his power, and that the country "should very soon see who had the best interest therein," his Lordship or he. [*See also* Vol. CCXIII. 28 and 30.] 2 *pages.*

2 April. 48. "Memorial and petition" of John Anstis, Esq., Garter, to the Lords of the Treasury. Sets out the particulars of his case [as shown in previous memorials]. Their Lps having not made any final determination in this case till a writ was issued for the election of a member in the petitioner's room upon his acceptance of the office, and the petitioner being thereon re-elected by the name and sitting as Garter, he was told by one of the then Lords of the Treasury in the House, that by reason of the multiplicity of business at that time it would be acceptable if he deferred making his

application for his salary till after a prorogation; and the Duke of Norfolk having the like assurance from another of the then Lords he delayed the same. Renews his request for their Lps' order to the Exchequer for the payment of the fee or salary, which being a matter of property and a case of a freehold, wherein he is supporting the prerogative, he hopes to obtain. 2 April 1718.

Minuted:—"11th June 1718. Read. Let Mr Cracherode examine and certifie whether there has been any prosecution at law agst his patent."

Again:—"A warrant hath been sent to Mr Att.-Gen. to prosecute by *sci fa*, but Mr Att. hath heard councell on both sides, and hath not yet made any rept, or orderd any such *sci fa*, not being satisfyed that such a prosecucõn would be attended wth success. A. Cracherode, 12° Jun 1718."

"13 June 1718. Respited till Mr Att. reports." 1 *page*.

[? About 4 April.] 49. Memorial of Sir Roger Mostyn, Bart., to the Lords of the Treasury. It being necessary to have memorialist's seal affixed to the debentures issuable by him, much expense will be saved to the Government by having the seal cut and the die fitted to the engines at the Stamp Office, as is now done in the cases of the Earl of Carnarvon and Thomas Moore, Esq. Prays their Lps' letter to the Comrs of Stamps to permit the same.

Minuted:—"4th April 1718. To Comrs of Stamp Dutys, to know if they have any objection." 1 *page*.

4 April. 50. Representation of A. Cracherode to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the state of the prosecutions against the persons concerned in the frauds committed in Chelsea Hospital. Delivered up the papers to Mr Stanwix, who was appointed by the Comrs for Chelsea Hospital, as their solicitor, to take charge of the prosecutions. 4 April 1718.

Minuted:—"One of the Under Secrys of State to lay before my Lords on Tuesday next the rept of the Attor.-Genll relating to the state of these prosecutions." 1 *page*.

[? About 4 April.] 51. Petition of the poor distressed widows of the late Prince George of Denmark's servants to the First Lord Commissioner of the Treasury. Their small pensions are unpaid for three years past, and they are grown old and feeble, and very helpless. Pray relief.

Minuted:—"4th April 1718. Referred to Mr Godfrey." 1 *page*.

[After 5 April.] 52. Copies of certificates annexed to the report of the Secretary-at-War, on the petition of Katherine Waters. The first is dated in 1692, and states that Catherine Bailey [? afterwards Waters] was daughter of Alderman John Baily, an eminent merchant in the city, and a Protestant sufferer, who lost all his effects by the cruel "Massanary" papists of this country (Ireland), to the value of 10,000*l*., and her eldest brother was murdered, and the rest of her brothers went into the King's service. Her father standing up to

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defend his fellow Protestant sufferers, raised a troop of horse at a cost of above 2,000*l.*

The last date is 5 April 1718. 2 *pages.*

7 April. 53. J. Craggs to the Lords of the Treasury. The enclosed petition of Mr George Holme, late chaplain to the British Consul and factory at Algier, has been laid before the King, and his Majesty is satisfied of the truth of it. Since Mr Holme's return home he has translated several papers out of the Arabic and Turkish for the Secretary's office, and may be further serviceable to his Majesty in that way. The King's pleasure is that their Lps give the proper order for a gratification to him of 100*l.* Whitehall, 7 April 1718.

Minuted:—"24th April 1718. Agreed to."

The petition. 2 *pages.*

8 April. 54. Petition of Thomas Hewett, Esq., late Surveyor of H.M. Woods, to the Lords of the Treasury, praying to be heard upon a scandalous and false memorial put in to the Treasury to defame him. 8 April 1718.

Minuted:—"9th April 1718. My Lords will appoint a day to hear both parties."

In the *Minute Book*, vol. 22, p. 28, 7 May 1718, is:—"The reports of the Verderers, dated 1st June 1716, and of Mr Young, dated 28 Febry 1716, with a memorial of Mr Digby and Mr Molineux are read, complaining of some irregularitys of Mr Hewet to his Mats disadvantage, and contrary to the forrest laws. Mr Hewet's answer is also read, and my Lords direct a copy thereof to be given to the Verdurers, and will appoint anor day to consider and determine this affaire." 1 *page.*

9 April. 55. Certificate of Edw. Godfrey to the Secretary of the Treasury (Lowndes), that the persons mentioned in a preceding list were servants to Prince George of Denmark, and had the salaries named. After H.R.H.'s death, Queen Anne allowed them pensions until her demise. Does not know why they have not been continued. 9 Apr. 1718.

Minuted:—"2d May 1718. My Lords cannot advise his Maty to renew these pencons, but what is due to them in the Queen's time wilbe paid with other servants, when there is money for them."

The petition, an Order in Council, and a list. 4 *pages.*

[? About 9 April.] 56. Petition of Jasper Clayton, Esq., to the Lords of the Treasury. Was, with two other Comrs, appointed to inspect the demolition of Dunkirk, and his Majesty's pleasure was that he should receive 3*l.* a day. Attended this service 241 days and received 241*l.*, so there remains due to him 482*l.* The other Comrs have been paid. Prays payment of the balance.

On the back are memoranda of what was paid to the other Comrs, Sir James Abercrombie and Col. John Armstrong, and this

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Minute of 9 April 1718:—"He may (if he thinks fit) apply to his Ma^{ty}." 1 *page.*

[? About 9 April. 57. Petition of Barbara Collingwood and Elizabeth Collingwood to the Lords of the Treasury. The lease of the Holy Island, in the counties of Northumberland and Durham, granted to petitioners' ancestors for the services by them formerly done to the Crown, is near expiring, and their L^{ps} granted their warrant for a new lease to the petitioners. The rent reserved has been constantly paid to M^r Douglas, the receiver, and he having neglected to pay the same into the Exchequer, the auditor refuses to pass petitioners' new lease until the rent be paid. Pray that the auditor and the receiver, or his deputy, may attend their Lordships thereon.

Minuted:—" 9th April 1718. Respited." 1 *page.*

[? About 9 April.] 58. Petition of Stephen Brown to the Lords of the Treasury. Petitioner, in August last, made a proposal for purchasing and settling 700 acres of late French lands in St. Christopher's, lying in "Basse terra" quarter. Also sets forth his losses and services. Was a considerable sufferer in the plundering of Montserrat by the French. Offered 3*l.* an acre for the lands, and to transport and maintain for the strengthening of the colony 35 white men. Petitioner's case differs from most of the others, he having been a considerable sufferer. The maintenance of the men whom he has provided is extremely chargeable. Prays for despatch.

Minuted:—" 9th Apr. 1718. All the papers concerning these lands to be read again when my Lord Sunderland is here." 2 *pages.*

10 April. 59. Report of R. Powys to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Daniel Smith, Esq., Lieut.-Governor of the Island of Nevis, and late Lieut.-General of all his Majesty's Leeward Caribbee Islands. Col. Walter Douglas left that Government on 4 Dec. 1713, and constituted Daniel Smith Lieut.-Governor, who was superseded by the arrival of Lieut.-General William Mathews on 30 June 1715. The moiety of 1,200*l.* per ann. (the salary of the Governor) is due to the Lieut.-Governor, and has been deducted from that of Douglas. There is due to the petitioner 941*l.* 1*s.* 11*d.* 10 April 1718.

Minuted:—" 2d May 1718. Prepare a warrant."
The petition and three other papers. 5 *pages.*

14 April. 60. G. Macartney [Governor of Berwick], to ——. The royalties and profits of the Holy Island were formerly vested in the Governor of Berwick, "whose commission and power extends to both." But King Charles the Second granted the profits for a term to the widow and children of one Collingwood, who obtained a further grant, the term of which has near expired, and they are making application for a new grant. Prays, on behalf of himself and succeeding governors, to be heard thereon. 14 April 1718.

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Minuted:—"14th April 1718. When the survr makes his report my Lords will appoint a day for a hearing of all partys." 2 *pages*.

17 April. 61. Lords of the Treasury to Mr Craggs respecting his accounts, and asking whether any particular warrants from the King, countersigned by him as Secretary-at-War, were obtained for 40,030*l*. 12*s*. 11*d*., by the Paymaster of the Forces, and if any such warrants were obtained, to transmit copies. 17 April 1718.

Also memoranda of two such warrants. 1½ *pages*.

19 April. 62. W., Bishop of Salisbury, Chancellor of the Order of the Garter, to the Lords of the Treasury, touching the installation fees of their Royal Highnesses Prince Frederick and the Duke of York. The fees amounted to 695*l*. 10*s*. 10*d*. Certifies their Lordships that he is informed it is the custom for all such as by virtue of the Act of Parliament for precedency, take place of Dukes (tho' they themselves are of an inferior degree) always to pay their fees as Dukes, and the statutes of the order expressly prohibit the setting up any atchievements till payment of the fees be made, so that the Sovereign, having appointed Wednesday, the 30th of April, for their installations by proxy, it is necessary the fees be forthwith paid, that the installations may be then performed. Further, the knights to be installed are obliged to make offerings of gold and silver, and therefore it is left to their Lps' consideration whether they will besides, allow ten guineas in gold and two crown pieces in silver, or a larger sum for each of these knights to be so offered. There hath been usually given by each knight elected to six of the knights marshalmen to attend, 3*l*. 4*s*. 6*d*.; to the ringers at Windsor, 2*l*. 3*s*.; to the housekeeper at Windsor, 10*l*. 15*s*.; to twelve yeomen of the guards, 6*l*. 9*s*.; to the servants of the Constable of Windsor, 4*l*. 6*s*.; and to the officers of the church, towards their building scaffolds, 2*l*. 3*s*. But these particulars not being mentioned in the constitution, or the grants under the great seal, Garter King of Arms had no authority to insert them, there being gratuities given usually by the knights themselves. If their Lps think these rewards reasonable, then they will amount to 40*l*. 0*s*. 6*d*. for each, so that then the total sum will be 775*l*. 11*s*. 10*d*. Golden Square, 19 April 1718.

Minuted:—"19th April 1718. Enquire if these are the usual fees paid on the like occasions."

Accompanied by a list of the fees payable upon the Installation of a Duke. 2 *pages*.

21 April. 63. Comrs of Revenue, Ireland, to the Lords of the Treasury. Enclose an account for a year, ending 25 Dec. last, of the produce of the Hereditary Revenue and the additional duties granted by Parliament. Custom House, Dublin, 21 April 1718.

The account referred to. 2 *pages*.

[? About 24 April.] 64. Petition of Patrick Strachan, of Glenkindy, to the King. In the month of August, 1715, the late Earl of Mar, arriving in that part of the Highlands of Scotland, called the Brae of Mar, used all his art to engage petitioner in treasons and rebellion. From a sense of duty and allegiance made all haste to Edinburgh, to inform the Government of the traitorous designs of the Earl, and having with difficulty escaped from his house, did towards the end of August give an account to the Lord Justice Clerk, at Edinburgh, of the wicked and rebellious measures then contriving by the Earl. Attended as a volunteer at Stirling till the battle of Sherriff Moor, when he was taken prisoner by the rebels. Being the only gentleman in that country that remained in allegiance to his Majesty, was by the Earl treated in a most barbarous manner, being confined in a most nauseous dungeon [14 weeks] till the Pretender fled from Scotland, when he was released. His Majesty's generals then in Scotland employed petitioner in several marches to the Highlands with the troops, and by his direction the rebels were disarmed, and garrisons appointed in proper places. Has expended very considerable sums of his own, and has been a very considerable sufferer in his private affairs, and to this day has not received any reimbursement. Lays before his Majesty an account of the money so expended, the particulars of which are very well known to the Duke of Roxburgh, Principal Secretary of State, and to the Rt Hon. the Lord Cadogan. Prays payment, and a reward for his services.

On it is a note referring it to the Lords of the Treasury to report. Dated 24 Apr. 1718.

Minuted:—" 16 July 1718. Ref. to Secry at Warr."

Accompanied by the account referred to of the moneys advanced by the petitioner, &c. In it he makes claims (1), for attendance upon General Montese in the Highlands in disarming the rebels; (2) for disarming and seizing the rebels in the counties of Kincardine, Aberdeen, and Bamff; (3) for attendance in the Highlands from 1 Sept. 1717 to 20 Nov. in settling small detachments to hinder the depredations of the Highlanders; (4) for intelligence not paid for by Brigadier Preston, the nature of the service admitting of no voucher; (5) for money advanced after the King's troops were gone, for bringing a robber from Badenoch to Aberdeen; and (6) for his attendance from 20 Nov. 1717 to 20 Feb. 1717–18, when he came from the Highlands by order of the Lord Justice Clerk, to give in schemes of the most proper places for building barracks. Also five letters and certificates relating to the same affairs. 9 *pages*.

24 April. 65. A list of "Pentions established by his Majesty and paid by Jacob de la Motte Blagny." Dated 24 April 1718.

At the end is:—"Elizth Marie, Princess of Portugall, is dead; her pention was 50*l*." 5 *pages*.

25 April. 66. Memorial signed Ch. Battely to the Lords of the Treasury, showing the claims of Westminster Abbey, under a certain Act of Parliament, on the Treasury, and praying payment to memorialist, who was appointed Receiver. 6,000*l*. was then due, and it was for the repairing and finishing the Abbey. Dated 25 April 1718.

Minuted:—" 29th April 1718. Order'd." 1¼ *pages*.

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1718. 26 and 30 April. 67. Copies of three documents touching 45,000*l.* paid by the Earl of Carnarvon to Sir Mathew Decker, Bart., being a loan from the King of Great Britain to the King of Denmark, on account of the arrears of subsidy due to his Danish Majesty. Dated 26 and 30 April 1718. 2 *pages.*

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[? About 2 May.] 1. Petition of Dame Marie Mordington, wife of the present Lord Mordington, to the Lords of the Treasury. By mistake was set down only for 20*l.* when the Civil List was re-established, and now that she has petitioned is kept in suspense. Is importuned by several persons of worth and honour, for the credit of the nation, to address their Lps to lay the case before the King, as usually has been done by the Lords of the Treasury. As there is no precedent that any peer in the land with his family has been suffered to starve in any reign since this has been a kingdom, especially a peer whose estate has been wholly exhausted for the service of the Crown, prays some present relief, being in great distress, and for an augmentation of her pension.

Minuted:—" 2d May 1718. Rejected." 1 *page.*

[? About 2 May.] 2. Memorial of Lord Harley and the Lady Henrietta Cavendish Holles Harley, his wife, daughter and heir of John, late Duke of Newcastle, Lord Warden of the Forest of Sherwood. Her late Majesty granted the Duke 1,000*l.* a year during her life to provide for the deer and for the salaries of the keepers. 597*l.* 18*s.* 9*d.* remains due.

Minuted:—" 2d May 1718. To be considered with other arrears of her late Mat's Civill List." 1 *page.*

[? About 2 May.] 3. Petition of John Gough to the Rt Hon. Lord Sunderland, First Comr of the Treasury. Petitioner has been 17 years in the public service, the greater part being in the Pay Office. Contracted to pay the four independent companies at New York their subsistence. Her Majesty's proclamation settled that the money there should not pass for more than 6*s.* 10*d.* per ounce from 1 May 1709, but no merchant, &c. would pay money under 8*s.* per ounce, or scrupled to receive it at that rate. Employed one Mr. Cockerill as his agent to pay the forces, and Lord Lovelace, the Governor, to show a strict regard to the Queen's proclamation, as well as for a good example, would not allow the agent to pay the forces at any other rate than in silver at 6*s.* 10*d.* per ounce, although he was forced to allow 8*s.* per ounce for the very same money, and so paid the same from 1 May 1709 to 24 June 1710. Thus petitioner's loss was not less than 1,400*l.* Prays relief.

At the foot there is a certificate that petitioner was heartily affected to the Government.

Minuted:—"2d May 1718. My Lords cannot advise ye paymt of his demand of money, but will gratifie him with an employmt upon a proper vacancy." 1 *page.*

[? About 2 May.] 4. Petition of Thomas Cross, "aged above 80 years," to the same. Is a native of Denmark, and was servant to "that most illustrious Prince, the late George, Prince of Denmark," and his brother, 45 years, and came to England with his Royal Highness, but has received no support from Government since half a year before her Majesty's death. Prays for payment of his arrears.

Minuted:—"2d May 1718. What is due to him in the Queen's time will be paid wth other servants when there is money for 'em." 1 *page.*

[? About 2 May.] 5. Petition of John Reynolds, son of the Rev. John Reynolds, a clergyman of the Church of England, to the King. Was apprenticed to Mr. Philip Bishop, of Exeter, bookseller and printer, and observing a notoriously seditious pamphlet, called *Nero Secundus,* brought to his master to be printed, which was accordingly printed by him, and containing many treasonable reflections against the King and Government, he gave information thereof to a justice of the peace; and William Webber, the supposed author, absconded till he took advantage of the Act of Indemnity, and is since returned to his own home in Exeter. Petitioner has thereby incurred the displeasure of all his friends and relations, who will do nothing for him, and has drawn on himself the inveterate enmity and hatred of all the disaffected. Has often been assaulted to the hazard of his life, so that he is obliged to leave the city, and is utterly destitute. Prays employment.

With a recommendation at the foot signed by the Bp. of Exeter.

Also this *minute:*—"The petitioner to be in the room of Mathias Sandwell, Landwaiter in Exeter."

Minuted on the back:—"2d May 1718. Ref. to Mr Cracherode." 1 *page.*

[? About 2 May.] 6. Petition of Col. Geo. Burston to the Lords of the Treasury. Has served the Crown as a commissioned officer above 35 years; has served in Flanders and Spain. Was wounded in several actions, particularly at St. Estevan, besides which he sustained great losses at the siege of Lerida. Has applied to the late Queen and his Majesty for the royal bounty, but has hitherto been disappointed. Prays their Lps to make a favourable report that his family may partake of the royal bounty.

Six other papers connected with it.

Minuted:—"2 May 1718. To be read when my Lord Sunderland is present." *Again:*—"16 July 1718. My Lords cannot advise anything on this peticōn." 9 *pages.*

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3 May. 7. Report of the Postmasters-General (Cornwallis and Craggs) to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Henry Weston, who had enabled his father's estate to be sold, and sold his own, to discharge a debt to the Government. He also resigned his place in the Secretary's office in 1714, when he was appointed secretary to the Post Office, in which office he was superseded, but out of tenderness was promised a pension of 200*l.* a year. Directed the salary of the Secretary to be paid to Mr Weston from Lady-day 1715, to Christmas following, and then thought it necessary to permit their Secretary to receive his own salary. Recommend him as an object worthy of his Majesty's consideration. 3 May 1718.

Minuted :—" 8th May 1718. To be considered when a proper office falls of about 200li or 300l p ann̄."

The petition referred to. 3½ *pages.*

6 May. 8. Representation of Alexander Cleeve, of London, pewterer, to the Lords of the Treasury. The report that the Treasury are going to do something about the tin in the Tower stops the sale of that commodity. The sale of tin in London is in four or five hands, who sell it for the tinners to the merchants and pewterers, and receive one shilling per hundred for commission. Makes certain suggestions about allowance for prompt payment, &c. Cornhill, 6 May 1718.

Also a letter from the same to William Lowndes, Esq., about keeping up the price of tin, with this postscript :—" The expectation of tin being very shortly to be sold at ye Tower, at some low price, puts a mighty damp on our trade. I wish something were done that people might be easy."

Minuted :—" 29 May 1718. Sir Theo. Jansen, Mr Gibons, or Sr John Lambert & Mr Beranger & Dr Fauquier to attend to-morrow, prepared to show wt tin is remayning in their respective hands, and what sums remn due thereupon." 2 *pages.*

8 May. 9. Report of Paul Jodrell, Clerk of the House of Commons, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the following memorial :—

" The humble memorial of Thomas Wibergh, Serjeant-at-Arms attending the honorable House of Commons, in behalf of himself and other officers of the said House. Showeth that Mathew Prior, Esqr, was, by the order of the honorable House of Commons, on the 9th of June 1715, committed into the custody of the said Serjeant, and remained till the 26 June 1716, and that the Honorable Mr Speaker was pleased to acquaint the said Serjeant, that he being committed for no offence ought to pay no fees, and was pleased to represent it to the Chairman of the Secret Comme, and then Chancelor of the Exchecker, who ordered the said Serjeant to aply to the Tressury, and he should be gratified for the same ; and the said Serjeant humbly represents to your Lordships that by the command of Mr Speaker, every evening after the fatigue of attending the service of the House, for a great part of the time he attended himself and waited on him in walking out for his health, and that having rec̃ed neither fee nor gratification (pursuant to the order of Mr. Speaker), from the said Prior, humbly hopes your Lordships will grant such recompence as to your great wisdoms shall seem meet."

Here follows an account of fees due to ye respective officers:—

	£	s.	d.
"To Mr Jodrell for 2 orders of commitment - - - - -	000	13	4
To the Speaker's Secretary for 2 warrants - - - -	001	0	0
To the messengers for 384 days' attendance at 6*s.* 8*d.* - - -	128	0	0
To the serjeant for caption fee - -	003	6	8
To ditto for 384 days in custody -	384	0	0
	517	0	0

THOMAS WIBERGH."

Has considered the memorial. In pursuance of the order of the House, Matthew Prior, Esq., was taken into custody on 9 June 1715, and on 17 June 1715, the House was acquainted that Mr Prior had been examined before the Committee of Secrecy, and that in a long examination, there appeared matters of such importance, that the committee directed the House to be moved that he might be confined in close custody, and no person permitted to come to him. He remained in custody of the late Serjeant, and of John Hollingshead, his messenger, till 26 June 1716, when the Parliament was prorogued. As to the usage in such cases, a warrant has been produced for payment of 285*l.* 11*s.* 6*d.* to the Serjeant-at-Arms for disbursements and reward to messengers for serving and keeping in custody of Thomas Harley, Esq., within and for the session ending 26 June 1716, one item of which, 105*l.* 10*s.*, was inserted in the bill of the Serjeant-at-Arms, and paid to him for fees, &c. and keeping in custody the said Mr Harley for 75 days.

As to the reasonableness of the demands lays before their Lordships the following items in the Table of Fees, settled by a committee, pursuant to an order of the House of Commons, entered in the journals:

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
"To the Speaker's secretary for every warrant signed by the Speaker - -	0	10	0
To the Clerk of the House for every order of committment - - -	0	6	8
To the Serjeant-at-Arms for taking a gentleman into custody - - -	3	6	8
And to him for every day while in custody - - - - -	1	0	0
And to the messenger for attending a prisoner ꝑ diem - - - -	0	6	8"

The fees for Mr Prior, according to the above table, amount to the sum claimed. 8 May 1718.

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Minuted:—"13 June 1718. Desire Mr Speaker to give my Lords his opinion as to the reasonableness of this demand."

Again:—"2d July 1718. Read & respited till Lord Sunderland is at the Treasury."

The memorial and two other papers. 5 *pages.*

8 May. 10. Report of Walter Chetwynd, Esq., paymaster of certain annual pensions, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Guy Palmes, Esq. [a teller of the Exchequer], advising that half the petitioner's pension of 600*l.* per ann. should be paid to Mr Pembrok, trustee for petitioner's creditors, and half to the petitioner. 8 May 1718.

The last Minute on it is:—"11th July 1718. Rejected, my Lords taking no cognizance of matters of this nature." 2 *pages.*

8 May. 11. Lord Lieutenant of Ireland (Bolton) to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of the Rt Hon. William Viscount Mountjoy, praying a further lease from the King of the castle and lands of Mountjoy, in the county of Tyrone, Ireland, at the present rent. Referred the same to the Comrs of Revenue, Ireland, whose report thereon was sent to him (the Lord Lieutenant) by the Lords Justices. Observes that the premises are at present in the possession of the Lord Mountjoy, and his title derived therefrom. These are great inducements to him to make improvements as well as to desire a long term from the Crown. If his Majesty would grant to the petitioner and his descendants the premises for 60 years, at the rent of 3*l.* per annum, his Lordship's services might well recommend him thereto. Dover Street, 8 May 1718.

The letter of the Lords Justices, the memorial, letter from the Lords of the Treasury, and letter of Comrs of Revenue. 6 *pages.*

[After 8 May.] 12. "Accot of the Encrease & Decrease upon the annual bountys since the passing of the 1st establishment thereof by his Maty the 12th day of August 1715, when Charles, Earl of Carlisle, was the first in the Commission of the Treasury." 4 *pages.*

9 May. 13. Petition of Wm. Innys, bookseller, London, to the Lords of the Treasury, for an order on the Comrs of Customs for payment of the drawback on 60 reams of fine Genoa demy paper, and 4 reams of fine Holland Royal, imported for the printing at Cambridge University Press of a new edition of a book entitled:—*Sancti Clementis Romani ad Corinthios, Epistolæ duæ, &c. in Greek and Latin; with dissertations and notes by Henry Wotton, M.A., of St. John's College, Cambridge.* Dated 9 May 1718.

Minuted:—"13th June 1718. See if it is according to the Act of Parliament." 2 *pages.*

12 May 14. Proposals of W. Wood to the Lords of the Treasury, for the delivery of fine British copper into the Mint at the Tower for coining halfpence and farthings.

Also a letter on the same subject, dated 12 May 1718. 2 *pages.*

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14 May. 15. Report of A. Cracherode, Esq., to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of M^{r} Ralph Bethel, who sets forth that he did the Government an early and singular service in the beginning of the late Rebellion, by discovering a conspiracy against the King's life and all the Royal family, for which Captain Gordon, Capt. Dorrell, and Capt. Kerr were executed at Tyburn. Represents that in Aug. or Sept. 1715, a person who was, and is, a secret agent for the Government, discovered to the Government that a conspiracy was carrying on by the above three persons, in conjunction with the petitioner, and one ensign Meyer, and one Adams, a cook, and several others, for setting up the Pretender's standard at Oxford, and raising a rebellion there in favour of the Pretender. Upon which information, warrants were issued out against the conspirators, and the petitioner and Gordon, Dorrell, Kerr, Meyer, and Adams were apprehended and brought before a committee of the Lords, when the petitioner, Adams, and Meyer were admitted as witnesses against the others, who were convicted and executed. After the trials, the petitioner being in great want, had two several sums of 20*l.* paid to him, and has been ever since attending his Majesty's ministers, and soliciting them, sometimes to get him put on the list of half-pay officers, and at others, to recommend him to his Majesty for money to pay his debts. He is in very poor condition and utterly unable to pay his debts. 14 May 1718.

Also the petition.

There are three Minutes on the back, the last of which is :—"14th Aug^{t} 1718. My Lords have paid him already as much as they can, unless they receive his Ma^{ts} special direccōn for a further sum." 3½ *pages.*

15 May. 16. Representation of the Agents for Tin in Cornwall to the Lords of the Treasury, relating to the materials bought for the several coinage towns and for the continuance of their salary to Lady-day 1718. In conformity with their Lordships' directions, proceeded to sell the goods and utensils which they thought appertained to the Crown, when the Receiver General of the Duchy of Cornwall delivered certain warrants, by which he is of opinion those goods belong to the Duke of Cornwall, and should remain in the respective coinage halls for the Prince's service. Have stopped the execution of that affair until they receive further directions. Tin Office, Truro, 15 May 1718. 1 *large page.*

15 May. 17. "Auditor Harley's state of the Acco^{t} of the charges of transporting the Dutch and Swisse troops, taken into his Maj^{ties} service during the late Rebellion," viz., for 6,000 Dutch and Swiss troops, for which a treaty or convention was concluded between Mons^{r} Geldermalsen, on behalf of the States General, and the Rt. Hon. William, Earl of Cadogan, on the part of his Majesty. The Earl was also charged with the embarkation and marching of the troops. It was agreed that the pay of the troops should commence from the day of embarkation, but no mention is made of the charge of the march. It is alleged that there was no necessity for making the payments named for that purpose, in regard that the country was

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put into the possession of the Imperialists a month before the march of these troops, and an agreement made with the Emperor's ministers in a regulation annexed to the Barrier Treaty, that the country should not provide the troops with boats, horses, firing, and straw on their marches, as was practised whilst England and Holland had the joint administration of the Low Countries. It is further alleged that Monsr Geldermalsen, before he gave orders to the troops for their march, required that this charge should be defrayed by his Majesty, and that the same was complied with to prevent desertion and animate the men to march with the expedition which his Majesty's service then required, and that the same had so good effect, that there were but 30 days between the receipt of his Majesty's first orders for hiring the said troops, and their embarkation at Ostend, &c. The freight for the troops amounted to 56,667 guilders and odd money. The auditor observes that the allowance by the Transport Office in the time of the late war, for forces transported from the Thames to Holland, was 7*s.* a head; and there was paid 7*s.* 6*d.* a head for carrying back these Dutch and Swiss troops. Notwithstanding the ships were dispersed by the violence of the storms, the forces were transported to the several ports of Great Britain to which they were ordered. The charge for provisions and necessaries for the troops was 59,396 guilders and odd moneys, and the troops consisted of 6,338 effective officers and men, and there were allowed six women to each company of 38 men, and 196 servants attending the general and staff officers. The other charges for embarking the troops were 15,352 guilders and odd money. Dated 15 May 1718.

Minuted:—(1.) "Read 12th Feb. 1718/9." (2.) "Read a 2d time 28th do." (3.) "25th March 1718/9. To Audrs Imprests to prepare a P. seal." (4.) "Warrt signd 9th May 1719." 12 *pages, brief size.*

[? About 21 May.] 18. Petition of Sir George Caswall, one of the representatives in Parliament for the borough of Leominster, to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that Edward Bangham, Esq., Receiver-General of the co. of Hereford, being an inhabitant of the borough at the late election, gave great numbers of bribes to corrupt the inhabitants to vote for Richard Gorges, Esq., to be their representative in Parliament, contrary to the duty of his office, and in defiance and breach of the laws made in that behalf. Is informed that he is largely in arrear, and now petitions to be Receiver for 1718. Complainant hopes their Lordships will not appoint him (Bangham) Receiver until he shall have paid into the Exchequer the sums already received, and discharged himself from the imputation of so base a practice as bribing the voters with the public money.

Minuted:—"21 May 1718. Mr Bangham, being very little in arreare, my Lords cannot remove him; but in regard of Sir George Caswal's services, my Lords will consider his brother some other way."

Again:—"The above Minute respited 10th June 1718. Edwd Bangham appointed." 1 *page.*

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1718. 23 May. 19. Representation of Sir Andrew Chadwick, Knt., late Paymaster of the Ten Pound Lottery, anno 1711, in relation to the petition of Reginald Ryley, Esq., the question being whether payments were rightly made on an assignment from the petitioner to his father, which was alleged to be counterfeited. Dated 23 May 1718.

Minuted:—"23 May 1718. My Lords can do nothing in this." 1 *page.*

23 May. 20. A similar report or representation by M^{r} Jett on a similar petition of the same person, who was Paymaster of the Lotteries, anno 1712. Dated same day.

With the same Minute on it. 1½ *pages.*

[? About 23 May.] 21. Colonel Kane's answer to the Minute of the Lords of the Treasury, upon his memorial in respect to the contingencies of the Island of Minorca, of which he was Lieut.-Governor. These contingencies he prayed might be allowed, as well those already paid, as for the future, without account, as it was impossible to get vouchers for the greater part of them.

Minuted:—"23^{d} May 1718. My Lords can make no order upon this mem^{ll} till the account is brought in." 4 *pages.*

[? About 23 May.] 22. Petition of Stephen Brown to the Lords of the Treasury. In August last laid before his Majesty in Council a petition and proposal for purchasing and settling 700 acres of the late French lands in St. Christophers, lying in Basse terre quarter, parts of which were known by the names of the College and Fountain plantations, and part of which was lately in the occupation or possession of John Thornton, deceased, in which petition he set forth his losses and services in the defence of the Colony, and that he was particularly a considerable sufferer in the plundering of Monserrat by the French, for which there was no reparation made. In his proposal he offered 3*l.* per acre for the lands, and to transport and maintain there for ever, for the better strengthening of that Colony, 35 white men, with other advantageous offers, for the good of that poor Colony. His Majesty referred his petition to the Com^{rs} of Trade to report, who considered the same with several other proposals. Petitioner's case differs from all or most of the proposals, none else of the purchasers having at all suffered as he has. Prays for compassion and despatch.

Minuted:—"23 May 1718. My Lords will appoint a day to hear the whole." 1½ *pages.*

26 May. 23. Ro. Corker to John Anstis, Esq., Garter King-at-Arms, at the Herald's Office. Sends an account of the last four tin coinages in Cornwall, from Midsummer 1717 to Lady-day 1718. Dated Falmouth, 26 May 1718.

With this note:—"N.B. This last year the quantety has exceeded prodigiously at least half as much more as the preceding, w^{ch} is oweing to y^{e} vast quantetys thrown up from M^{r} Trelawny's worke of Whele Vorr (the richest that ever was known), and Relistian, w^{ch}

'tis computed together, have produced as much tinn as all the county besides, and both are now failed, soe that next year it may be expected the quantity will decrease again." 1 *page.*

[After 26 May.] 24. Copy of report of William Pulteney, Secretary-at-War, to his Majesty and Privy Council, on the case of David Paget, formerly lieutenant in the land forces, praying to be put on half-pay. Is well assured that he has performed many and considerable services of great consequence without recompense, and is a proper object of compassion. He was captain of militia in the last Rebellion in the north, and thrice a prisoner in the last war.

Also copy of a certificate of the Bishop of Clogher and two other certificates, the last of which is dated 26 May 1718. *All French.* 2 *pages.*

27 May. 25. Representation of the Com^{rs} for Duties on Stamped Vellum, Parchment, and Paper, to the Lords of the Treasury, that the salaries of the under officers are assessed under the Act passed in the last session. They have no manner of perquisites; their salaries are but a bare subsistence, suitable to their respective stations, and it must reduce those to great extremity whose salaries do not exceed 100*l.* per ann., if obliged to pay. There are but 13 whose salaries are above 70*l.* and exceed not 100*l.*, and but 11 whose salaries are above 50*l.* and exceed not 70*l.*, and the rest are all but 50*l.* or under. Pray a warrant for repayment to all whose salaries are under 100*l.* per ann. Stamp Office, Lincoln's Inn, 27 May 1718.

Minuted:—"13 June 1718. See if there be any precedent in this office." *Again:*—"Warrants have been annually signed for repaying the taxes of the inferior officers of the Stamp Office, but these war^{ts} were only for salaries not exceeding 70*l.* ꝑ ann. untill the two last years, on the representac̃on of the Com^{rs}, it was extended to sallaries not exceeding 100*l.* ꝑ ann." 1 *page.*

30 May. 26. A paper of Sir Theodore Janssen, showing the amount of tin in the hands of his correspondent in Holland, and the sum due to him. 30 May 1718. 1 *page, quarto.*

[May.] 27. Another paper containing an estimate of the tin in Hamburgh. ½ *page.*

2 June. 28. Mr. Dixon, Receiver-General of H.M. Revenues in New York, to ———. Gives summary of several of his letters, fearing some of them may have miscarried. By his letters patent as Receiver-General, is to collect all duties, &c. for Customs, Excise, quit-rents, or in any other manner. These letters were never offered to be infringed till 1715, under the pretext of mismanagement by his predecessor, M^{r} Byerley, but that could not justify their laying aside such an officer, as Brigadier Hunter told them. But it was not in the power of the latter to prevent the deviation, and if he had not acquiesced in it they would not have raised him a penny towards the support of the Government. So for that, and some other prevailing reasons, he was forced to comply (as he told them), with an

undutiful and contemptuous treatment of the Crown. The country is thus charged with creating new and unnecessary officers, and the collection of the duties is sorrily managed, there being no Crown officer to cheque the receipt. It causes inconvenience to the merchants, &c., who, before this Act, had only the King's Custom House to attend, whereas now they are obliged to enter their goods there, "must trot to an officer appointed to receive a tonnage duty on shipping and the duty on negro slaves, to an officer called a wey-master, and at last to the Treasurer to pay the duties." His salary is 200*l.* per ann. This they have loaded with 2½ per cent. to this Treasurer, together with very good salaries to the other officers employed. This, in the end, will lead to the disuse of such an officer as Receiver-General or Auditor. The Government is very indulgent to this colony, in allowing four companies for their defence, at about 500*l.* per ann., a man-of-war to guard the coast (which may be as much more per ann.), and the charge of salaries to the officers of Customs; all which is paid at home, &c. What money they raise for the further support of the Government ought to be accounted for. The trade of this place can endure some duties to be laid on it, and be no burthen to the Colonists, would bring a pretty income to the Crown, and be the only means to prevent illegal and clandestine trade, which these parts are so incident to, and dexterous at. The quit-rents are in a lamentable condition. These reserved rents to the Crown had been neglected from 1660, and in 1715, when demanded, the people (not being used thereto) refused to pay them till the present Government opened a Court of Chancery, and compelled them to it.

The respective governors since 1660 have either for money, favour, or kindred, made most extravagant grants of lands throughout the colony. "Large tracts of 20 to 50,000 acres, 20 miles square, to single persons, and in companies, townships, with such inconsiderable reserved rents to the Crown as the country is ashamed of." These excessive grants for little or no consideration, and corruptly obtained, have occasioned land to become a jobbing business, and instead of being tenants under the Crown, new purchasers must hold of these monopolisers, and pay them what price they think fit to ask, to the visible discouragement of settling and peopling the country, and prejudice to the Crown rents. Most of the best lands by this means lie unoccupied, tho' by law they are obliged to rid away the woods and improve their grants. In 1709 an order from the Queen in Council came, that no person should purchase more than 1,000 acres, paying 2*s.* 6*d.* per ann. for every 100 acres, and should be obliged to clear away 100 acres every three years, or forfeit his grant. All, or most of the old grants, are liable to this regulation, and when done will bring in a noble revenue, please the people in general, and people and enrich the country. Many of their titles are illegal. Many possess more lands and others less than they have a right to. Some pay in money, others in grain, deer, beaver, otter, bear, or other skins; some a peppercorn, and some nothing. They have passed an Act here for the running a division line between this colony and the Jerseys on the West, and Connecticut colony on the East. Wishes that care may be taken

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that neither of these "proprieties" may filch from this province any quantity of lands belonging to the Crown, on each of these confines. Great part of the traders and possessors of land are aliens, disabled by law, but in the first year of his present Majesty they became alarmed, and prevailed upon the Governor "to give into an act of naturalisation prospective as well as retrospective, thereby depriving the Crown of its prerogative."

Asks his correspondent to obtain for him an order, with instructions to call in all the grants or patents for land and houses, &c., to make a complete register thereof, and to ascertain the true quantity of lands, and the reserved rents as they now stand. New York, 2 June 1718. 4 *pages.*

11 June. 29. Report of A. Cracherode to the Lords of the Treasury, giving a state of the proceedings against James Duke Crispe and Butler Nodes for frauds in Chelsea Hospital in Easter Term 1718. 11 June 1718.

Minuted:—"The tryal to proceed."

Also petition of James Duke Crispe for the trial to be postponed. 9 June 1718.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. 22, p. 226, 23 Nov. 1719, is:—

"My Lords on reading a letter from M^{r} Sollicitor-Gen^{ll} relating to the prosecuc̃on of Duk Crisp, and Nodes, for fraudulent practices in Chelsea Hospital, direct M^{r} Cracherode, or the person that acts for him, to attend M^{r} Attorney and M^{r} Sollicitor-Gen^{ll}, and desire them to bring the information agst the s^{d} Crispe and Nodes to a tryal as soon as possibly they can."

Again, at p. 227, 24 Nov. 1719:—

"M^{r} Merryl, M^{r} Cracherode, and M^{r} Stanwix called in. My Lords think the informac̃on against Crispe and Nodes will lye, for fraudulently entring fictitious names in the books of y^{e} hospital, altho' no money was paid thereupon, and therefore still insist that the informac̃on agst 'em, be brought to tryal as soon as possible." 3 *pages.*

11 June. 30. Report of the same to the same. By their L^{ps}' commands has sued in the Exchequer one George Gordon, by information and *capias*, for moneys received and not paid over nor accounted for by him as late agent to the garrison of Annapolis Royal. A judgment has been obtained against him for 1,217*l.* 5*s.* 2*d.* due from him. Gives other particulars of the proceedings connected therewith on Gordon's application for delay, &c. Dated 11 June 1718.

Minuted:—"11th June 1718. To attend on Thursday 19th instant. M^{r} Lynn, M^{r} Mulcaster, and M^{r} Gordon, Capt. Armstrong to attend at the same time. Look out the rep^{t} of the Sec^{ry} at War and Compt^{rs}."

Again:—"19 Jun 1718. Lett Gourdon assigne all his interest in the securitys in Mulcaster's hands, to the s^{d} Mulcaster, and thereupon the prosecution ag^{t} Gourdon to be stayed till he has had time to recover the rest of ye debt from Mawson. To be further considered on Wednesday, 25 June 1718."

Also an affidavit. 5 *pages.*

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[? About 13 June.] 31. Memorial of the Accountant-General and Cashier of the Bank of England to the Lords of the Treasury. The interest on a great number of Lottery orders due 24 June 1717, is unpaid. Pray their Lps to direct some method of paying the interest.

Minuted:—" 13 June 1718. Make an estimate of what interest is due, and my Lords will imprest money to ye cashire for ye paymt."

" 2,009*l.* may be sufficient on accot. C. de Gols." 1 *page.*

13 June. 32. Observations made by J. Boughton to his Lordship [?] for the use and advantage of the revenue of Scotland, viz., as to vessels coming from Gravesend, &c. direct to the place of their discharge, and as to entry of burthen, contents, &c. It is to be observed, that almost the whole trade of Scotland from foreign parts is brought either into the Firth of Forth, Murray Frith, Cromarty Frith, or the River Clyde, and also that a certain time cannot be fixed for ships entering these rivers to come to the place of discharge as is enacted for the river Thames. The masters of ships making their reports in Scotland on their homeward voyage, take the greatest care to fall extremely short of the cargo taken in abroad, and afterwards help it out by 1st, 2nd, and 3rd reports, by which the collectors give too great latitude to the masters to try their dexterity in cheating the Revenue, and in managing the tidesmen. The practice of London was (as he remembers) to stop the master's portage if he did not make a just report of his cargo at once. Suggests that, if it be thought worthy, a clause might be made in an Act of Parliament, whereby the goods remaining unreported might become forfeited; one moiety to the Government, and the other to the officers. This would advance the Revenue, especially in North Britain. London, 13 June 1718.

Minuted:—" 31st July 1718. Read." 3 *pages.*

13 June. 33. Petition of James Duke Crispe, late Secretary to the Comrs of Chelsea Hospital, to the Treasury. [On the same subject as previous petitions by him], praying that proceedings against him may be staid until the warrants, authorities, and vouchers, which were seized and taken from him, are restored. 13 June 1718.

Minuted:—" 13 June 1718. To be read when Lord Sunderland is here. 14th Augt 1718. Rejected." 2 *pages.*

[? About 13 June.] 34. Petition of the officers and gentlemen of the Band of Gentlemen Pensioners to the Lords of the Treasury. There remained due to them 3,000*l.* for half a year's salary ending Midsummer 1714. Have also been at great charge in putting themselves and their battle axes in mourning to attend her late Majesty's funeral, and also since, in buying rich clothes to support the honour of their places, and in laying out several hundred pounds in furnishing the band with new arms, the old being entirely useless; pray for relief.

Minuted: " 13 June 1718. Respited till ye Qs arreares are considered." 1 *page.*

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[? About 13 June.] 35. Petition of Sir Robert Constable to the Lords of the Treasury. Held his office at a salary of 360*l.* per ann. during pleasure, by an instrument from the Treasury. On the 8th of May 1718 this was revoked by another, and the salary seems to determine from and after 25 Dec. 1717, being many months before the revocation thereof. Petitioner submits that this is not a right construction of the first instrument. Prays payment until the revocation, as well as 24*l.* more for him and his clerk, for their travelling charges from Edinburgh to London. The whole sum is 159*l.*

Copy of the second instrument referred to.

Minuted:—"13 June 1718. My Lords cannot continue the sal^{a} from Xm̃as last, but as to y^{e} 24^{li} my Lords will desire the Com^{rs} to insert y^{e} same in their Incident Bill." 2 *pages.*

16 June. 36. "A List of all the pencions decreased by deaths and otherwise, since the Hon^{ble} William Clayton, Esq., was Paymaster." 16 June 1718. 2 *pages.*

17 June. 37. Report of Robert Pringle [of the Secretary-at-War's department] to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of William Hamilton, of Greinge, First Commissary for the shire of Midlothian [for himself], and in the name of the R^{t} Hon. the noblemen and heritors of that shire, and of the shires of East and West Lothian and Lanark. In Jan. 1715–16, the time of the late Rebellion in Scotland, the Duke of Argyle being then General and Commander-in-Chief of his Majesty's forces there, required the counties lying next to Edinburgh and Stirling to furnish a certain number of horses for carriages, and of carts and horses and men to attend, and the horses, &c. were to be presented to the commissaries appointed for that purpose, in the Abbey close, at Edinburgh, on the 16th of that month, and with each horse there was to be brought four pecks of oats and three stone of hay or straw, for which the Commissary-General was to pay 3*s.* 3*d.* sterling. The conditions in the warrant of the Commander-in-Chief were, that every county furnishing horses should name a commissary, and those counties that furnished above 200 horses to name two commissaries. [Other conditions are set out]. The horses and carts were to be appraised, &c. On the 20th of January his Grace directed a warrant to Commissary Burroughs to receive all the horses, carts, and drivers demanded from the respective shires in North Britain, and to keep an exact account of them, and to pay 3*s.* 3*d.* for the straw and oats each horse brought, 1*s.* a day for a horse, and 9½*d.* a day for each driver, including bread, and 6*s.* a day for every commissary appointed by the several shires, and to furnish them during that service with forage out of the magazines, allowing 20 lbs. of hay and half a peck of oats *per diem* to each horse. By warrant of 23 Feb. his Grace further directed Commissary Burroughs to make just and reasonable allowances to the commissaries appointed for the return of the horses to the proprietors. The petitioner, as commissary for Mid Lothian and three other shires, exhibited his account, showing a balance of 2,728*l.* 1*s.* 7*d.* due to him. When their L^{ps}' reference came to this

office, Commissary Burroughs was in Holland, from whence he has lately returned. It was necessary to take his answers to the complaints lodged against him by the petitioner, as well as such informations from him upon the pretensions of the several shires, as might contribute to the clearer stating of the petitioner's demand. A copy of the petition was transmitted to him, and he gave the replies herein set out in three columns.

All these matters the writer fully comments upon, and concludes that when their Lps have determined upon the price of the forage, and other disputable articles, the account may be adjusted and the petitioner paid out of the 10,000*l.* granted by Parliament in the year 1717, on account, for extrordinary forage and other expenses of the forces in their march from Stirling, and pursuit of the rebels into the Highlands and neighbouring islands.

Docqueted:—"Report of the Secry-at-War upon the memorial and account of Wm Hamilton of Grainge."

Minuted:—"Read the 17th July 1718. Audrs Imprests to hasten Mr Burrough[s] accounts, and to lay the same before my Lords with all speed." *Again*:—"30th May 1719. Read. To Mr Burroughs to attend on Tuesday. Mr Oakley to attend at the same time." *Further*:—2d June 1719. My Lords consider this report again, Mr Burroughs being present. Mr Burroughs to state the accot of the lost horses and the rations of hay, at the rate of 9d p ration, and lay it before my Lords to-morrow. My Lords will consider of the allowce to Mr Hamilton at the same time."

Accompanied by William Hamilton's petition, the Duke of Argyle's order to the justices of Midlothian and West Lothian, and the account referred to. Also several other papers relating to these commissariat papers. 56 *pages or parts of pages.*

17 June. 38. Representation of Comrs of Stamp Duties in relation to the loss on gold in their several officers' hands at the time of the reduction thereof, with the sums to be allowed them at 6d per guinea. Stamp Office, Lincoln's Inn, 17 June 1718. 3 *pages.*

19 June. 39. "Mr Powys, his report upon Col. Douglas, his papers."

Mr Douglas was Governor of the Leeward Islands, and had demands on the Treasury. These Mr Powys had previously reported on as coming to about 375*l.*; and a warrant was ordered for that amount, but the sum ordered not to be delivered till their Lps knew who was authorised to receive it. A subsequent petition was also presented by him, making a further claim, on which the Attorney-General and Mr Cracherode reported. 19 June 1718.

Minuted:—"9th July 1718. Rejected."

The three reports referred to, one of Mr Douglas' petitions, and a clause in an Act of Parliament.

Mr Cracherode in his report states that in the trial of Walter Douglas, Esq., he was found guilty of the indictment, viz., that he had disobeyed Her late Majesty's orders by refusing for six months after his arrival at Antigua (as Governor there) to issue a proclamation of pardon which he was commanded to issue forthwith for

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quieting the minds of her Majesty's subjects, and which he might have issued three months sooner if he had thought fit; that he demanded of one Daniel Mackinnon, and insisted upon having 10,000*l.* paid him by the inhabitants of Antigua before he would publish any proclamation of pardon at all. That he exacted and had of the same Mackinnon, and other inhabitants, a bond for payment of 4,000*l.*, for his own use, in consideration of the issue of the proclamation. That he exacted of, and on behalf of several other inhabitants there, 20 black slaves of the price of 40*l.* sterling each, and a piece of plate of 60*l.* value, as a further consideration for his publishing the pardon. That he exacted of one John Elliot, another inhabitant, a Bill of Exchange for 100*l.* for his own use, for not excepting Elliot out of the pardon to be published by him; that he committed further contempts of her Majesty's commands by inserting doubtful and uncertain clauses and exceptions in the pardon, &c. That the Court of Queen's Bench afterwards gave judgment against him, viz., to pay a fine of 500*l.* and suffer five years' imprisonment. Upon petition the fine was however remitted, but he remained in the King's Bench prison. 12 *pages and* 4 *halves.*

19 June. 40. Lords of Trade to the Lords of the Treasury. Sometime since proposed for the better settlement of the French lands in the Island of S^{t} Christopher, that about 3,000 acres should be given gratis, in small plantations of from eight to ten acres, to poor families who would settle there for the defence of the island. The inhabitants long waited in hopes of an order being given thereon, and had very much pressed the Governor for leave to remove to S^{ta} Cruz, or some other of the Virgin Islands; and in case of refusal seemed resolved to settle with the Dutch in the Island of S^{t} Martin, in the first of which cases they would be dispersed, and become less serviceable to the public, and in the last, be entirely lost to Great Britain. Their L^{ps} would see by an extract from another letter of the Governor that he had repeated his instances on the subject. Whitehall, 19 June 1718.

The extract referred to. 3 *pages.*

19 June. 41. "Auditor Godolphin's certificate of w^{t} recruit money remains unsatisfied to sev^{l} Rec^{rs} of the Land Revenue wthin his division. Dated 19th June 1718." 1 *page.*

[? About 19 June.] 42. Memorial of Henry Worsley, Esq., Envoy Extraordinary to the King of Portugal. Claims for the ordinaries due to him from 1 March 1713 to 1 Aug. 1714 (150 days), at 5*l.* a day, 765*l.*, and for extraordinaries 150*l.* Prays payment out the moneys appointed for the discharge of the late Queen's debts.

Minuted:—"19 June 1718. There is no money in y^{e} Excheq^{r} applicable to the paym^{t} of these demands, but when any money arisen by sale of her late Ma^{ts} tin comes into the Exchequer, my Lords will reconsider the same." *Again*:—"Moiety paid."

Also two bills of extraordinaries. 3 *pages.*

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20 June. 43. Samuel Penhallon to the Lords of the Treasury. Upon the death of W^m^ Blathwayt, Esq., late Surveyor and Auditor-General of H.M. Revenues in America, the office devolved on Horatio Walpole, Esq. Is receiver of H.M. revenues in the province of New Hampshire, but seizures, prizes, and some other branches of H.M. revenue are specified for him to account for; and these ever belonged to other officers. Is directed to transmit accounts to the Auditor-General, but it was never yet practicable to do so, as the revenues are paid in but once a year, and the accounts are audited by a committee of both houses, and are then laid before the Assembly, with proper vouchers, and after that, sworn in Council before they are allowed. The two last years' accounts have been examined by Paul Dudley Esq., Deputy Auditor. Portsmouth, in New Hampshire, 20 June 1718. 1 *page.*

21 June. 44. Report of the Controllers of the Army Accounts, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of Col. Phillips, representing the complaint of his officers as to the insufficiency of the allowance of the provisions supplied to the garrisons of Placentia and Annapolis by the Com^rs^ for Victualling here, and proposing the furnishing a greater allowance at a less expense. The Commissioners in answer to the complaint state, that the victualling these garrisons is foreign to their business, and that they send provisions there by particular order only, and conceive it very necessary to have the victualling put under better regulation, as was done for Gibraltar, and that Col. Phillips's proposals seem advantageous. They admit the insufficiency of the allowance, it being what they call short allowance, viz., six men to four men's provisions. Annapolis can be supplied at least for a halfpenny a day cheaper than Placentia. The men would be supplied with nearly double the amount of provisions which they received in the Navy Office. As the garrisons are very remote from Great Britain, and Boston in New England is the nearest from which provisions can be had, and they do not hear from thence sometimes in three months, the Controllers propose that the contractor be obliged to have always 12 months' provisions in the stores beforehand. Whitehall, 21 June 1718.

"4th July 1718. The Compt^rs^ to prepare a draught of an advertisem^t^ to be transmitted to my Lords for their approbation."

The memorial referred to, and two papers subordinate thereto. 6 *pages.*

21 June. 45. M^r^ Secretary Craggs to the Lords of the Treasury. The King having under his consideration the state of the Island of Minorca, and finding some new regulations should be made, recommends their L^ps^ to consider the revenues, and the general improvement of the island, in order to the better support of the troops and inhabitants there, as they are at present obliged to have provisions from foreign parts. Col. Kane, the Governor, has orders to afford information. Whitehall, 21 June 1718. 1 *page.*

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24 June. 46. "Account of interest due on tallies of sol. taken in by the Accomptant General and Cashier of the Bank of England, for annuities at the rate of 4li ꝑ cent. ꝑ annum, according to an Act of Parliament passed in the third year of his Majestie's reign." Signed:—"Jno Monteage, Accomptant Genl of the Bank of England."

The interest is due to 24 June 1718. 1 *large page.*

26 June. 47. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of Sir Peter Halkett. By a grant of Queen Anne, confirmed by the Scots Parliament in 1707, in favour of Dame Janet Halkett, spouse to Sir Peter, her Majesty, in consideration that the said Dame Janet and her predecessors, proprietors of the lands of Pittferran, had been at considerable expense in winning and working the coal heughs there, that they had enjoyed the immemorial possession of exporting coals to foreign countries free of any custom or bullion by their former rights and infeoffments, and that the nature of the coal was such that it was absolutely necessary to be exported out of the kingdom, not only ratified and confirmed the former rights, but also did "of new" grant and perpetually confirm to the said Dame Janet and her successors the full privilege and liberty of transporting the coals from any parts or places of Scotland free from any customs, bullion, or duties imposed or to be imposed. By the 6th Article of the Treaty of Union all private grants are reserved, and on the faith of this article petitioner did not apply to Parliament at the laying on of additional duties on coals, for any clause in his favour. The Comrs' predecessors thinking the case dubious, did not exact the duties of his coals on exportation, but only took bonds for the duties, in case they were found due by law. The Comrs are of opinion that if the coal be not allowed to be exported duty free, the working of his coal must cease. Custom House, Edinburgh, 26 June 1718.

Minuted:—"31st July 1718. To Sir David Dalrymple for his opinion."

Also the memorial and copies of three other documents. 10 *pages.*

1 July. 48. Speaker of the House of Commons (S. Compton) to ———. Has received his letter and several papers. The fact is so clearly stated by Mr Jodrell that he can add nothing to it, and cannot judge of the reasonableness of the demand, the Speaker having no control over the bills of the Serjeant-at-Arms. 1 July 1718. 1 *page.*

8 July. 49. Report of A. Cracherode to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of Sir Bibye Lake, Bart. No proceedings at all have, since 23 May, been had in Chancery between Sir Bibye Lake and General Wills relating to the two assignments of the off-reckonings of General Wills's regiment for the several sums of 2,475*l.* 11*s.* and 4,333*l.* 9*s.* 4*d.*, deposited in the hands of Mr Thomas

Taylor deceased, nor between General Wills and Mr Turner and Mr Leheup, to whom the two assignments were severally mortgaged by Mr Peters, and who afterwards assigned their respective interests therein to Sr Bibye Lake, all matters having been settled by a decree in Chancery, and by two reports of Mr Rogers'. Further certifies that on the 16th of June last a decree was pronounced by the Court of Chancery concerning Peters' estate, to which cause General Wills is not a party, the minutes of which decree are annexed. 8 July 1718.

Minuted:—"Read."

The memorial and the minutes referred to. 2½ *pages.*

9 July. 50. Solicitor-General (Wm. Thomson) to——. A merchant has offered to him to contract for the transportation of all convicted felons throughout England at 3*l.* per head from hence (out of which he must pay 20*s.* per head for fees of officers), and 5*l.* per head for those transported from other parts, where he must have correspondents and pay some fees also. His name is Mr Forward. He took away 40 the other day without reward, but cannot do so any more, considering death, sickness, and other accidents. There are now about 100 lying ready for him, for which he has ships prepared. No one else is ready to take them at so low a rate. It would be of great service to the public to have them carried away every year. By the late Act there is no power in the court to order the under-sheriff to defray these expenses.

P.S.—Believes the Government will save considerably in rewards for highwaymen and housebreakers by this method. The last contract was 40*s.* per head, delivered on board, but the charges of irons and other expenses to get them to the ship cost the Government as much more per head, so that this is really cheap. 9 July 1718.

Minuted:—"9th July 1718. To be consider'd when the Clerk of the Pipe hath returnd an account of the charge the Crown hath been at for apprehending felons." 2 *pages.*

[? About 9 July.] 51. Memorial of William Berner, Esq., late sheriff of the county of Norfolk, to the Lords of the Treasury, praying payment of 101*l.* 15*s.*, the sum which he is entitled to receive under the Act for the better enabling sheriffs to sue out their patents and pass their accounts.

Minuted:—"9th July 1718. The 4.000li wilbe set apart as the Act directs, out of wch all the sheriffs will have their proporcons when they become payable." 1 *page.*

[? About 9 July.] 52. Petition of Mrs Darel Careye and Peter Careye of the Island of Guernsey, to the King in Council. The laws of that Island are so strict in preserving real estates of *feme couverts* to their heirs, that the magistrates never admit or enter into the records any contracts or covenants whereby any such estates are sold, mortgaged, or encumbered, unless the baron and *feme couvert* have previously obtained a leave from the president and seven of the twelve jurats

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of the Royal Court so to do, called "Conge de justice." States the method of procedure to obtain the same. Mr Nicholas Careye and his wife purposing to sell the real estate and ancient patrimony of the said *feme couvert*, and well knowing how impracticable it was for them to obtain any leave of the Royal Court so to do, went over to England and there sold and transferred three quarters of the *feme couvert's* ancient patrimony, without observing any of the formalities. These things were done during petitioners' minority. Pray (for these and other reasons given) that King would appoint when the appeal thereon should come on.

Minuted :—"9th July 1718. My Lords have no cognizance of this matter." 2 *pages*.

[? About 11 July.] 53. Petition of Major George Roane, citizen and brazier of Dublin, to the Lords of the Treasury. Sets forth his services. Took up arms in defence of the Protestant interest in Ireland in company with the now Lord Southwell, Col Southwell, his brother, &c., at the time of the Revolution, and was with these gentlemen all sentenced by the Popish party to be hanged and quartered, and remained prisoners under sentence of death, until released by King William after the battle of the Boyne, and after that served his Majesty all through the war of Ireland. Since that served King George, and was a great sufferer in the loss of his trade. Served as major in a militia regiment of Dublin, and in the Common Council of Dublin. Prays for a patent for the coining of halfpence and farthings at Dublin, or for some other provision.

Also copy of certificate of the Lord Mayor and Aldermen of Dublin in his favour. Dated 11 July 1718. 2 *pages*.

13 July. 54. Report of Mr Thomas Hewett, Surveyor of the King's Forests [Trent South], "relating to sundry services in his Majesty's forests and woods, with a true account of all moneys received and paid by him during his surveyorship: and also two duplicates of two indentures for the quantity of navy timber delivered to Mr Sutherland annexed." July 13, 1718.

Minuted :—"7th August 1718. Read."

[When he was turned out of office, he says, there were 500*l*. due to him.]

Also the papers referred to. 7 *pages*.

15 July. 55. Report of H. Cholmley, Surveyor General, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Girle, mason, who prayed to have a lease of H.M. quarries and ways and cranes, together with the power of making what other ways and cranes he shall think fit in the Island of Portland, at a rent of 20*l*. per ann., above all duties now paid for any stone there got; and also to furnish the King with whatever stone shall be wanted at any of his Royal palaces or houses, at the rate of 30*l*. per cent. cheaper than his Majesty is now served. Finds his Majesty now pays 2*s*. 5*d*. per cubic foot,

and deducting 30 per cent., the price will be 1s, 8*d.* a foot. Thinks it will be an advantageous bargain. July 15, 1718.

Report of the Board of Works on the same, and the petition.

Minuted:—"16th July 1718. My Lords cannot advise this grant at present." 4 *pages.*

[? About 16 July.] 56. "Observations on the petition of Jeremiah Garrard and ye Auditrs Report."

Minuted:—"16 July 1718. My Lords gave a full answer the 2d of May last, in which he must acquiesce."

Report of Edward Harley, auditor, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Jeremiah Garrard, praying allowance of several cravings for charges defrayed by him, and a consideration for his services, in soliciting and passing the accounts of the Comrs for Sick and Wounded; recommends him for consideration on account of his long service, great fidelity, industry, and great necessities.

The petition and "explanatn of cravings in the petition."

Minuted:—"2d May 1718. He is paid in full, and my Lords cannot advise more." 4½ *pages.*

[? About 17 July.] 57. Copy of Minute of the proceedings of the Directors of the Bank of England. The Court was acquainted that the Lords of the Treasury desired a loan of 100,000*l.* for Mr Hampden, Treasurer of the Navy, on a deposit of malt, 1718. The Court ordered the advance.

Minuted at the foot:—"17th July 1718. My Lords, on the King's behalf, do agree to the loan to be made pursuant to this order." 1 *page.*

17 July. 58. Report of A. Cracherode to the Lords of the Treasury, as to a conference he had had with the Attorney-General, on the subject of a memorial of his (Cracherode's) of 15 July. The question was whether the King's proclamation under the great seal, with printed copies, would not be as effectual as 10 new commissions for pardoning pirates in the plantations. The Attorney-General is of opinion that such proclamation will not be effectual. 17 July 1718.

The memorial and two other papers. 4½ *pages.*

18 July. 59. Report of the Barons of the Exchequer of Scotland to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Thomas Kennedy, Esq. The facts in the petition are true, and Mr Kennedy is entitled, on account of his service as Advocate-General to her late Majesty, to the further sum of 167*l.* 4*s.* 9¾*d.*, and to his present Majesty to the sum of 180*l.* 10*s.* 0¼*d.*, which will make his salary 1,000*l.* per ann. Edinburgh, 18 July 1710.

Minuted:—"29th May 1719. Make a warrt for what is due in the King's time, and the memorialist is to produce a certificate from the Recr-Genll of what is in his hands.

The petition referred to. 2 *pages.*

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18 July. 60. Report of the same, on the several petitions of Anna, wife of James Seaton, late Viscountess of Kingston; of Margaret, wife of Alexander Carnegy, late of Balnamoon; and of Dame Margaret, wife of the late Sir John Preston, of Preston Hall. Certify (1) that James Seaton, late Viscount Kingston, settled on Anna, his wife, by the name of Countess of Kellie, in case she survived him, certain lands, being part of the Barony of Whittingham, in the "constabulary" of Haddington, so far as would extend to the yearly payment of 20 "chalders" of victual, estimated at 166*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* That by marriage contract, the late Sir John Preston, in consideration of 15,000 marks, Scots (833*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* sterling), as the marriage portion enfeoffed and seised the said Dame Margaret in life rent all her days, in case she survived him, in an annuity of 2,500 marks, Scots (138*l.* 17*s.* 8⅓*d.* sterl.) to be received out of his lands of Thomastone, now called Prestonhall, with the miln, miln-lands, &c., in the stewartry of Fife; as also out of his lands of Castlefield, Brunton, Dalginch, and Pittencreife in the same sheriffdom, but if there were an heir male the annuity should be restricted to 2,000 marks (111*l.* 2*s.* 2⅔*d.* sterl.), to which she is only entitled, there being sons of the marriage existing. (3.) That, by marriage contract, Alexander Carnegy enfeoffed and seised Margaret, the petitioner, his wife, for life, of the lands of Lidmore, Kirktoun of Menmuire, "with that of Pendicle, called Howsleys, the lands of Easter and Wester Tullochs, the lands of Crossbank and Pitmudie, the lands of Auchpherise with appurtenances in the parish of Menmuire and sheriffdom of Forfar, free from all burthens, except 4*l.* sterl. yearly to the minister of Menmuire, which lands extend to 53*l.* 9*s.* 4*d.* sterl." Are of opinion his Majesty might grant so much yearly out of the rents of their husbands' estates [as was desired].

[These estates were forfeited by attainder for rebellion.]

Edinburgh, Exchequer Chamb^{r}, 18 July 1718.

Minuted:—"Read 5th August 1718. Upon considering these three petitions, with the report of the Barons of the Excheq^{r} in Scotland thereupon, and other reports in the like case, made by his Ma^{ties} Attor.-Gen^{ll} in England, my Lords, as the case now stands, cannot advise passing the grant desired."

[This minute is also entered in the *Minute Book.*]

The three petitions mentioned. 8 *pages.*

20 July. 61. Lord Lieut. of Ireland (Bolton), to M^{r} Secretary Addison, on the petition of Aramintha Somers, daughter of Colonel Robert Lundie, who had been Adjutant-General in her late Majesty's army in Portugal, praying that the pension of 200*l.* per ann., now on the establishment of Ireland, in the name of John Outing, may for reasons stated be fixed in the new establishment in her own name; has nothing to object. Whitehall, 20 July 1717.

Also a letter from M^{r} Secretary Addison on the same subject. 2 *pages.*

22 July 62. Report of the Attorney-General to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Mary Errington. Finds that she would be

entitled out of the forfeited estate of her husband, if he were naturally dead, to the Manor of Hallington, and the tithes of certain lands in Hallington, in the co. of Northumberland, for her life, being settled on her by way of jointure, the annual value being 205*l.* 10*s.* Under a clause in an Act passed in the last sessions, his Majesty is enabled to make provision for the wives of forfeiting persons out of rents of their husbands' estates paid into the Exchequers of England and Scotland, &c. Till the claims of creditors are settled by the Com^rs^ it is very difficult to adjust a proper provision. July 22, 1718.

Minuted:—"Read 5th August 1718. Upon considering this petition, with the report of his Ma^ties^ Attorney-Gen^ll^ thereupon, and other reports made by the Barons of the Exchequer in Scotl. in the like cases, my Lords (as the law now stands) cannot advise passing the grant desired."

The petition and two affidavits. 7 *pages.*

22 July. 63. Report of the Barons of the Exchequer of Scotland to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Katherine, the wife of the late Sir David Threipland. By her marriage contract she was entitled to an annuity of 1,000 marks, Scots (55*l.* 11*s.* 1⅓*d.* sterling) to be taken out of the late Sir David's lands, and Barony of Fingask, as well as to 33*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* sterl., provided by her former husband. Are of opinion that his Majesty, under a late Act of Parliament, may grant to the petitioner so much out of the estates of her husband, as shall be paid into the Exchequer of Scotland, &c. Edinburgh, 22 July 1718.

Minuted:—"Read 5th August 1718. Upon considering this petition, with the report of the Barons of Excheq^r^ in Scotl. thereupon, & another report in like case by his Ma^ties^ Attorney Gen^ll^ in England, my Lords (as the law now stands) cannot advise passing the grant desired."

In her petition she states that she has 13 children, nine being too young to work, and that her house was "plundered to the ground by a body of Highlanders, pretending to be the van-guard of his Majesty's army." 4 *pages.*

23 July. 64. Thomas Bartram, senior, to the Earl of Sunderland, "Lord High Treasurer." Acquaints his Grace that there may be six or seven thousand a year go out of the Treasury to some persons disaffected to the Government. There are ill practices in the Navy and other offices; for the first day any man gets a warrant, he enters upon double pay, so that since this practice has been first set on foot there has gone out of the Treasury upwards of 100,000*l.* Woolwich, 23 July 1718.

Minuted:—"30 July 1718. Read." 1 *page.*

23 July. 65. Report of the Attorney-General to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Lady Philippa Standish, suing for provision out of the forfeited estate of her husband, who was attainted of high treason. Certifies that by the settlement made on the marriage of

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the petitioner, the daughter of Henry, late Duke of Norfolk, the capital messuage called Standish Hall, with the demesne lands and water corn mill, and divers lands, &c. in Standish, Sherrington, Barnacre, and Winmarly, in the co. of Lancaster, of the yearly value of 400*l.*, are settled on petitioner for life by way of jointure in case she outlive her husband, and the whole value of the forfeited estate of her husband, 671*l.* 10*s.*, subject to a jointure of Cecilia, mother of petitioner's husband, of 100*l.* per ann. The petitioner, it is admitted, professes the Popish religion, but her marriage settlement was antecedent to the Act passed 11 & 12 Will. III., for the further preventing the growth of Popery. The estate therein, limited to her for her jointure, was a vested interest in remainder in her before that Act passed, and so not affected with the disability thereby put in that respect on persons professing the Popish religion. His Majesty may, therefore, make provision for the petitioner out of her husband's lands. 23 July 1718.

The petition and three affidavits.

Minuted:—"Read 29th July 1718. My Lords, upon reading this report cannot (as the law now stands) advise passing the grant desired." 7½ *pages.*

25 July. 66. Report of A. Cracherode to the Lords of the Treasury. Has considered the petition of John le Master, one of the witnesses against James Duke Crisp, concerning the frauds and abuses committed in Chelsea Hospital, setting forth that he has been a great sufferer on Crisp's account, by being imprisoned for some months, and afterwards obliged to go to Calais, from whence he came to attend a trial, the expense of which journey he could not obtain. Is of opinion there is no ground for the petitioner to expect their Lps to order him to be reimbursed the charges of the suits, nor of his charges in coming from Calais. 25 July 1718.

Minuted: —"13th Augt 1718. Peticõn is rejected upon this report." 4 *pages.*

28 July. 67. J. Craggs to the Lords of the Treasury. Sends extracts of Mr Dayrolle's letters relating to the exportation of silver and gold into Holland. Whitehall, 28 July 1718.

Minuted:—"29th July 1718. Read."

[In these extracts Mr Dayrolle says, that the reasons of the exportation are, "the situation of the change, both here and in France. It has been very low here for sometime, and by the transporting of species from England, there is a difference of above 3 per cent. profit." Further:—As to the methods used to convey the coin from England, they are practised by masters of ships and passage boats, who resort to Rotterdam. The trade is carried on by Jews, and some other considerable merchants at Rotterdam; among them is one Mayers, a Roman Catholic, who is trusted with considerable sums from London.]

There is also a duplicate of the extracts. 6 *pages.*

28 July. 68. Robert Pringle to the Secretaries of the Treasury. Has laid the establishment of the forces in Minorca and Gibraltar, com-

mencing 25 Dec. 1717, before his Majesty, and transmits the same for countersignature of the Lords of the Treasury. Has likewise sent a draft of a warrant to allow five discontinued men on the muster rolls of each troop and company in Great Britain, from 25 June 1717 to 24 Dec. following. Col. Kane, Lieut.-Governor of Minorca, has moved for a warrant of the same kind. Asks their Lps' directions thereon. The Lord Lieut. of Ireland has represented that he should be authorised by warrant to form an establishment for the reduced officers of the 13 regiments of foot and dragoons, disbanded in June 1717, to be paid out of the arrears of the army in Ireland till the Parliament should provide for them. Transmits the draft of a warrant for that purpose. Incloses for their Lps' approbation a warrant empowering the Lord Lieut. to order payment of the assignments made by the Colonels of the three regiments lately embarked for the Mediterranean. War Office, 28 July 1718.

Minuted :—" 15th August 1718. To Secry-at-War, that my Lords have no objection." 2 *pages*.

29 July. 69. Copy of report of the Board of Works to the Lords of the Treasury, on the question as to which of the places or towers in the Tower of London might be most proper or commodious to make a repository for the records of Chancery, at present lying in great confusion, and in danger of being spoiled. Have viewed all the places in the Tower that seemed applicable, and are of opinion that the rooms in Cæsar's Tower, commonly called the White Tower, which were formerly proposed by Sir Christopher Wren, are the most proper and convenient, as well as most capacious, for containing the records, and may be fitted up for about 400*l.* The Tower is made use of for cooperage, provisions, &c., which would be more conveniently placed at Woolwich, among the other stores of ordnance. The magazine of gunpowder, belonging to the Tower, is at present under the rooms where the most valuable records of the kingdom are kept. Whitehall, Board of Works, 29 July 1718.

The petition of the six clerks of H.M. High Court of Chancery on the same subject. 3 *pages and* 2 *halves*.

29 July. 70. Report of the Barons of the Exchequer, Scotland, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of Sir William Menzies for himself and partners. The Treasury of Scotland in 1697 set to farm to Sir Archibald Muire, of Thornton, deceased, and John Anderson, of Dowhill, also deceased, for themselves, and in behalf of the royal boroughs of Scotland, the customs and foreign excise of that kingdom, for five years, from 1 Nov. then preceding, for 33,033*l.* 16*s.* 3*d.* The memorial prays that they may be acquitted of 5,000*l.*, and may have other allowances.

The Barons report that it may be reasonable for his Majesty to discharge the balance of the account upon Sir William Menzies renouncing all cravings, which he is content to do. Edinburgh, 29 July 1718.

Also the memorial.

Minuted :—" Agreed to. Warrt signd." 7 *pages*.

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[? About 29 July.] 71. Petition of Helen, the wife of John Lyndesay, of Pitscandlie, to the King. Upon her marriage with John Lyndesay she had by the marriage contract or articles, settled upon her for life, "the rents of the lands of that half of the land, town, and manors of Pitscandlie, called Weems of Pitscandlie, and the town and lands of Westertown of Baldardie, and the town and lands of Milnhill of Baldardie, with the heall houses, bigginge mosses, muires, and pertinents whatsomever, lyeing in the parishes of Rescobie and Sherrifdom of Forfar, which amounted in value to no more than six chalders & a halfe of victuall yearly, att one hundred merks, Scots money, the chalder." By rebellion, these and other of the lands of John Lyndesay were vested in his Majesty, but by a late act vesting the forfeited estates in trustees, his Majesty can make provision for the wives of the persons forfeited. Her husband enjoys a free pardon, but she and her three daughters are destitute. Prays a grant of the lands provided by her marriage articles.

With a note on 29 July 1718 referring the matter to the Lords of the Treasury.

Minuted:—"Read 5th August 1718. Upon considering reports made in this like case, as well by the Barons of Excheq^{r} in Scotl., as by his Ma^{ties} Att.-Gen^{ll} in England, my Lords, as the law now stands, cannot advise passing the grant desired." 1 *page.*

29 July. 72. Report of the Barons of the Exchequer of Scotland, on the petition of Alexander Brand, of Brandsfield in North Britain, Kn^{t}. Find that he obtained from the Lords of the Treasury and Exchequer of Scotland, a lease of the Crown and Bishops' rents of Orkney, for three years, and that the said Sir Alexander, not having accounted for the rent or tack duty of the said lease, a prosecution was commenced against him in the Exchequer of Scotland, before the Union, at the instance of Sir Alex^{r} Ogilvie, of Forglane, the Receiver-General of the . . . . carried on by George Mackenzie, as assignee from the Crown to . . . . of the rents of Orkney, till he was satisfied of the sum of 2,009*l.* And that the Exchequer of Scotland by their decree, dated 22 Aug. 1707, found Sir Alexander debtor to the Crown 3,997*l.* 6*s.* 5*d.* The decree was, upon appeal, brought before the House of Lords and affirmed, except as to 677*l.* Of the third parcel of arms mentioned in the petition and refused to be allowed, because the Government had not received them, it appears that the number of 399 firelocks, 880 bayonets, and 900 "patrontashes" were received into the castle of Edinburgh of the value of 880*l.* 11*s.* sterling, and should be allowed the petitioner. It appears that the Crown will not be entitled to more than 866*l.* 6*s.* 5*d.* out of the 3,997*l.* 6*s.* 5*d.* decreed against him by the Lords of the Exchequer, and that he has received some hardships. Edinburgh, 29 July 1718.

The petition named and the order referring it for report. 5 *pages.*

[? About 29 July.] 73. Supplication of Marion Bennet, spouse to Robert Rollo of Powhouse, to the King. Her husband engaged in the late Rebellion, but surrendering to his Majesty's mercy, was sent prisoner to Carlisle. His Majesty, by a late Act, put a mark of favour upon him and four other gentlemen, by a clause enabling his Majesty to make provision for their respective children. The suppliant has a small jointure of 55*l.* sterling. Prays for relief.

Referred to the Lords of the Treasury for their opinion on 29 July 1718.

Minuted:—"Read 5th August 1718. To Barons of Excheq^{r} in Scotl., to consider that part of the petition w^{ch} relates to the pet$^{r's}$ children, & to report their opinions." 1 *page.*

29 July. 74. Representation of the Barons of the Exchequer of Scotland to the Lords of the Treasury. By the acts concerning forfeited estates, all sums arising from forfeitures are to be paid into the Receipt of the Exchequer in Scotland, but as there is no Receipt of the Exchequer, they have appointed the Receiver-General of the Land Rents and Casualties to take the receipts from those forfeitures. Pray for power to re-issue the same moneys when received. Edinburgh, 29 July 1718.

Minuted:—"14th August 1718. My Lords approve their appointing the Rec^{r}-Gen^{ll} to receive & desire them to prepare the draft of the Privy Seal they want." *Again:*—"9th May 1719. Warr^{t} signd."

Also signification from the Lords of the Treasury of their approval of the appointment, &c. 19 Aug. 1718. 2 *pages.*

29 July. 75. Report of the same to the same, on the petition of Mr. James Hart, minister of the Gray Friars church in Edinburgh. The Minister of that church, in the time of Episcopacy, was one of the prebends to the Bishop of Edinburgh, and had an allowance from him of 10*l.* per ann., and it appeared to have been ordered for some years since the Revolution by the Treasury of Scotland, to be paid to one of Mr. Hart's predecessors. Conceive Mr. Hart cannot legally claim payment, the office being abolished, yet his Majesty might grant the allowance out of the revenues of the bishopric of Edinburgh, but the rents are already so burthened that they will not allow of this addition. Edinburgh, 29 July 1718.

The petition referred to. 2 *pages.*

29 July. 76. Copy of the petition of John Philp, pursebearer, and Mrs. Ogilvie, widow of David Ogilvie, mace-bearer to the Earl of Findlater, Chancellor of Scotland after the Union. Also the order referring the same to the Barons of the Exchequer of Scotland, and their report on it, which certifies that John Philp and the deceased David Ogilvie acted as purse and mace-bearers to the Chancellor of Scotland, in the year 1708, and that the allowances were as represented. Conceive they are entitled thereto, unless by the payments made to the Chancellor of Scotland in England for that service, the salaries were provided for and included. Edinburgh, 29 July 1718. 2½ *pages.*

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30 July. 77. Report of R. Powys to the Lords of the Treasury, on the representation of Thomas Crawford, Secretary to his Majesty's Embassy at the Court of France, in relation to extraordinaries. The Secretary states that for two years and three quarters these amounted to 1,027*l.* 15*s.* Mr. Stanyan, his predecessor, who served in no such conjuncture of affairs, had near 600*l.* allowed him for three quarters of a year (the time of the Earl of Manchester's residing ambassador in France) and Horatio Walpole, Esq., as Secretary to the Embassy, while Lord Townshend resided at the Hague, had extraordinaries allowed him. The report certifies that a demand for extraordinary disbursements was laid before King William, who declared (he giving a large allowance to ambassadors for extraordinary disbursements), that the postage of letters, stationery, &c., for the secretary ought to be defrayed out of the allowance to the Ambassadors, and directed that thenceforth no allowance should be made for extraordinaries of the Embassy, and this has been ever since observed, except in the case of Mr. Horatio Walpole. How the Secretary of State came to pass the warrant for Mr. Crawford's privy seal, with a clause for an allowance of extraordinaries, he cannot say, but the docquet had no mention thereof. 30 July 1718.

Minuted:—"7th August 1718. 300li as a present for bringing over the convention, & 500li bounty in consideration of all his good services, & in particular during the absence of the Earl of Stair from Paris, & in full satisfaction for the same." 2 *pages.*

31 July 78. Abstract of three reports from the Ld Lieut. of Ireland which were read and ordered to be laid before his Majesty. Dated 31 July 1718, viz.:—

1st, of Capt. Richard Wolseley, M.P., who prayed to be placed on the establishment of half pay in Ireland.

Minuted:—"My Lords will recōmend this to his Maty."

2nd, of Theophilus Jones. Recommended by several Parliaments in Ireland for recompense for the services of his uncle, Lieut.-General Jones.

Minuted:—"To be laid before the King."

3rd, of Ann Phillips, widow of Capt. Phillips, recommended by several Members of Parliament in Ireland for a pension for her husband's services; a pension of 30*l.* a year will be charity well bestowed.

Minuted:—"To be laid before the King."

Minuted on the back:—"12th August 1718. His Matie agrees." 1 *page.*

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4 Aug. 1. J. Craggs to the Lords of the Treasury. Transmits a letter from the Lords Justices of Ireland, recommending to his Majesty that he would send his order to publish a proclamation in that

kingdom, for reducing the current rate of a guinea from one pound three shillings to one pound two shillings and nine pence. Whitehall, 4 Aug. 1718.

The letter referred to. 2 *pages.*

[? About 6 Aug.] 2. Petition of the Marquis de Montandre, for himself and the officers of his regiment, to the Lords of the Treasury, praying for removal of respits upon the muster rolls for the years 1711 and 1712.

Also copy of report on the case by the Controllers of the Army.

Minuted:—"6th August 1718. Qu. if the rest of the officers have had their money, and where the rest is."

Also three other papers. 6½ *pages.*

[? About 7 Aug.] 3. Petition of William Hamilton, Captain of Grenadiers, in the late Col. St John's regiment, in Ireland, to the Lords of the Treasury. Was reduced to half pay during "the whole war of the late happy Revolution in Ireland," particularly in the siege of Londonderry, and in 1702 was struck off from half pay. On application to the House of Commons, in Ireland, they recommended his case to the Lord Lieut. (Ormond), who laid it before the late Queen, and he was re-established in his half pay. Prays that the same justice may be done to him as to Lieut. William Gunter, who was restored to his half pay, and to the arrears thereof.

Minuted:—"7th August 1718. My Lords can do nothing in this." 1 *page.*

[? About 7 Aug.] 4. Memorial of Gilbert Pepper, Esq., late undertaker for sick and wounded prisoners of war in Ireland, to the Lords of the Treasury. The bills drawn by him were returned by the Comrs for Sick and Wounded, alleging that they had not money in hand, and the memorialist had to pay the principal sums and interest at 6 per cent., amounting to 403*l.* 2*s.* 9*d.* Memorialist also sustained a considerable loss by the rise in corn from 10*d.* to 3*s.* 4*d.* a peck. Prays payment.

"To be read when Ld Sunderland is at the Treāry."

Minuted:—"7th August 1718. Rejected." 1 *page.*

[? About 7 Aug.] 5. Petition of William Theresia Douglass to the Lords of the Treasury. Petitioner, being daughter to Lieut.-Col. John Douglass, of General Hamilton's late regiment of foot, King William, in consideration of her father's service, did her the honour to be her godfather in Flanders, and conferred on her his name, at the same time ordering her the pay of a captain, to educate and bring her up, which pay was accordingly allowed by the States of Holland, and a company reserved vacant in the abovesaid regiment in her favour. Petitioner received the pay till the regiment was disbanded in Holland in 1714, at which time she was put on the Establishment of half pay with the rest of the officers, and allowed as such till 24 Dec. 1717. In the last session of Parliament was excluded from her half pay. Lost her father, who was ordered to Scotland upon the late Rebellion. Prays for future subsistence.

Minuted:—"7th Augt 1718. My Lords cannot advise anything agt the rules in the Act of Parliamt." 1 *page.*

8 Aug. 6. J. Craggs to the Lords of the Treasury. His Majesty being pleased to allow a bounty of 300*l.* to Thomas Crawford, Esq., Secretary of the Embassy at Paris (who was sent hither by the Earl of Stair, with the Convention and other despatches relating to the Treaty of Alliance, lately signed here), directs orders to be given for the payment of the same. Whitehall, 8 Aug. 1718.

Minuted:—"Warrt signd 12th Aug." 1 *page.*

9 Aug. 7. Report of the Comrs for disbanding the marine regiments, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of the field officers and captains of the late marine regiments, touching respites then in litigation. Dated 9 Aug. 1718.

Also divers other papers connected therewith. 33 *pages.*

13 Aug. 8. Three memorials of Sir Bibye Lake, Bart., to the Lords of the Treasury, in relation to the debt of 13,149*l.* 10*s.* 7½*d.*, due from Mr Robert Peters, late Receiver-General of Hertfordshire. Dated respectively May 7, July 9, and Aug. 13, 1718.

The second is *minuted:*—"10th do. [*i.e.*, July]. Read. When the Master, in pursuance of the decree, has raised as much money as he can upon the assignments chargeable upon the S.S.S. [South Sea Stock], in Sir Roger Mostyn's hands, and paid the same into the Excheqr in part of the Crown's debt, my Lords will consider the rest of the memorial;" and the third thus:—

"14th August 1718. Look out last Minute of 10th July, which, being read, my Lords adhere to it." 4 *pages.*

[? About 13 Aug.] 9. Petition of Jeronimy Clifford, merchant, to the Lords of the Treasury. Petitioner presented to his Majesty's own hand four petitions (copies annexed) relating to the damages done to him by the Dutch Governor and Company of Surinam, and was directed to apply to their Lordships for justice and satisfaction. Prays relief.

The petitions referred to, and the printed case.

Minuted:—"13th Aug. 1718. Rejected." 24½ *pages.*

[? About 14 Aug.] 10. Petition of Lord Charles Ker, Director of His Majesty's Chancery in Scotland, to the Lords of the Treasury, praying payment of 143*l.* 7*s.* 9⅓*d.* yearly for losses sustained in his office since the commencement of the Union, amounting to 1,577*l.* 5*s.* 6⅔*d.*, conformable to the 20th Article of the Treaty of Union. Refers to a previous petition and report of the Lords Justices thereon.

The petition and report.

Minuted:—"14th Augt 1718. My Lords cannot advise his Mãty to make good all losses of this kind." 3 *pages.*

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15 Aug. 11. Report of the Auditor of the Receipt (Halifax) to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Daniel Langhorne, Senior Deputy Chamberlain of the Receipt of the Exchequer, as to the right claimed by Mr Dudley Downes to be Senior Deputy Chamberlain. Leaving it to their Lordships to determine. Excheqr, 15 Aug. 1718.

Minuted:—"9th May 1719. To Attor.-Genll." 2 *pages.*

[? About 15 Aug.] 12. Petition of Henry Neale, Esq., late Surveyor of the Island of Minorca, to the Lords of the Treasury, for arrears of his salary at 1,395*l.* per ann.

Also the account of his salary, from which it appears that there is a balance due to him, since his Majesty's accession to the Throne, of 1,047*l.*

Minuted:—"15th August 1718. To be considered when the papers relating to Minorca are before my Lords." 2 *pages.*

19 Aug. 13. Report of A. Cracherode to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Samuel Kingston on behalf of William, Robert, Charles, and Thomas Stamper, infants under the age of 21 years, who were base born children of Anne Harvey, deceased, the administration of whose property was in contention between the petitioner and Ann Ham, who alleged herself to be cousin-german of the deceased. The judge of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury pronounced against the said Ann Ham, and that Anne Harvey died intestate, leaving behind her no relations or kindred, and in favour of his Majesty's title to the estate. Is of opinion that his Majesty may grant new Letters of Administration of Anne Harvey's personal estate to the petitioner, Kingston, in trust for the four children, who will otherwise be in a very helpless condition. 19 Aug. 1718.

Minuted:—"6th May 1719. Speak to Mr Cracherode abt this."

Two petitions, the report of the Attorney General, and several other papers. 19 *pages or parts of pages.*

21 Aug. 14. "An accot of that part of Newfoundland ceded by France to the Crown of Great Brittain by the late Treaty of Peace; Gaspy, and other places in Acadia and Nova Scotia, with some remarks on the French fishery in Nova Francia, humbly offer'd to the Rt Honble the Lords Comrs of his Majty's Treasury, by William Taverner." He states that "Placentia and Chapeaux Rouge, given us by treaty, &c. between Cape Raze and Cape Roy," are far better for fishing than our former English settlements, besides affording much salmon, a great deal of very fine timber for lower masts to ships of 300 tons, and other advantages, such as furs, &c. The reason why our ships and inhabitants do not carry on the fishery at Placentia more vigorously, is occasioned by the irregularity of the garrison. From Cape Roy to Cape Hamilton, the north-west part of Newfoundland, we know nothing but what the French inform us, viz., that it is a good fishing place, that several ships from Bayonne, St. Jean de Luz, and Passage, fish yearly on that coast; that there are some inhabitants from Canada at Port a Chova; that some Spaniards from St. Sebastians frequently fish there, and that the "Eskimaux" from Nova Francia bring over their furs and trade

with them at Port a Chova from Cape Hamilton as far to the southward as the islands of "Fuogo." The Malouins and Granvillers yearly fish to the number of 40 or 50 sail. The fishing lately failing on that coast, they do not frequent it as usual. By treaty they are allowed to build stages and huts with board as usual (which they never did yet), for they always built them with spars and bark of trees. If it be thought proper to insist on it, they cannot fish in Petit Nord, without they fetch their timber to build their stages from Nova Francia, which is almost impossible.

About three leagues from the south-east part of Gaspy lies a small island, called Cape Britton, in which is no harbour, but the French on signing the peace called the island of Gaspy, Cape Britton, and afterwards Isle Royale, in which island are several good harbours and abundance of good coals. The inhabitants of Placentia, &c., in Newfoundland, are now settled in that island, and a great many ships from St. Malo and Grandville fish there. That island has been in the hands of the French above 60 years, and the French "Biscayers" have fished there ever since, with varying success. The most that any boat has taken has been 200 quintals, the greatest part being taken in the Gut of Cancer, and upon the main land of Annapolis, opposite to Gaspy, where they are forbidden by treaty. The greatest part of their boats have not caught more than from 50 to 70 quintals per boat. Presumes that Cape Britton will never be advantageous for a fishery. Their fortifying it is of great use to their Canada trade. Should there be a war between the two Crowns they would be able by their privateers to spoil the greatest part of our New England, Annapolis, and Newfoundland fishery. At present they carry on a considerable trade with the Canadians, and they have all the Indian trade of the eastern part of Annapolis, Nova Scotia, and Cape Roy in Newfoundland, so that adding their Canada trade, Indian trade, and fishery together, their settlement is more advantageous to those that fish and trade there than any part of Newfoundland is to the English. Besides, they keep all those Indians in their interest to annoy our new settlements in Nova Scotia when they please.

About 45 leagues north-west-by-north from Cape Britton lies a cape land, which makes the south side of the mouth of the river of Canada. The French since the peace have named it Gaspy, where from 30 to 35 sail of their Biscayers have fished yearly since the peace, and got the trade of the Indians of all that part of Nova Scotia. They pretend that that part of Nova Scotia belongs to them, tho' they are excluded from fishing there by the treaty with France, the Biscayers fishing in the north-west part of Newfoundland, at Gaspy, and other French in the Gut of Cancer, upon Acadia, which adds very much to their fishing trade. Not less than 50 ships fish in these places contrary to the Treaty of Peace. These catch 100,000 quintals of fish at least, which are a great detriment to the sale of our English fish. The best fishing the French have is in Nova Francia, against the north part of Newfoundland, at a place called Grand Bay. There is a Governor, who trades very much with the Indian nation of the Eskimaux. Our greatest advantage

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would be to hinder the French from making those encroachments upon us in the fishery.

Nothing can contribute more to encourage our fishery in North America, settle a trade with the Indians, and bring them into our interest, than speedily to appoint Comm^rs according to the late Treaty with France, to examine and settle the limits between the French and us in Acadia and Nova Scotia, and for some speedy and effectual method to be taken to prevent the French from fishing in any of the aforesaid places, otherwise they will carry on their encroachments in Newfoundland, where they have five-sixths of the Island. August 21, 1718.

[See the Minute ordering this in the *Minute Book*, vol. 22, p. 76 —Printed in vol. CCVI. 35.] 3 *pages.*

23 Aug. 15. J. Craggs to the Lords of the Treasury. Signifies his Majesty's pleasure that their L^ps should give directions to pay 50*l.* to Elias Chalke, one of the messengers who brought the news of the proceedings of Sir George Byng against the Spanish fleet. Hampton Court, 23 Aug. 1718.

Minuted :—" Prepare a warr^t." 1 *page, quarto.*

[After 30 Aug.] 16. " Orders for the Board of Works compared (to wit) those sign'd by the late Queen the 12^th of October 1705, and those sign'd by the King the 29^th of Aprill 1715, or at any time after; which last were all superseded and made void by warr^t dated 21^st of August 1718, and those of the late Queen are by the same warr^t established for the future."

Also : " Orders, rules, and directions to be observed and followed by the persons composing the Board for carrying on our service in the office of our works."

Further :—A paper headed, " The Import of the King's orders."

The last warrant referred to is 30 Aug. 1718. 8½ *pages.*

6 Sept. 17. Representation from Charles Cockburn, one of the Com^rs of Excise, Scotland, and from George Drummond, late Com^r of Excise there, asking that the expense of renewing their constitutions may be allowed. Excise Office, Edinburgh, 6 Sept. 1718.

With two schedules of the fees paid. [The fees were 125*l.* 4*s.* 11*d.* and 113*l.* 9*s.* 3*d.*, and odd money.] 3 *pages.*

6 Sept. 18. J. Craggs to the Lords of the Treasury. Sends two anonymous letters, one relating to irregularities at the Navy Pay Office, the other about one Samuel Young, purser of the "Sunderland," who carries on unlawful trade by running goods; likewise a third paper, containing the petition of John Cole, glazier, of Kingston-upon-Thames, asking for arrears of "2 or 300*l.*," due to him for repairs of green-houses at Hampton Court, in the time of King William.

The first of the letters referred to is the following:—

" A. J." to " R^t Hono^ble " ——, complaining of the Pay Office, and the disappointment experienced by hundreds of people whose husbands are in the service. If his Honour will [give a notice] in the

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Gazette to those who have given half a year's attendance, and are not paid, there will be enough without the writer, who will pray, while sun and moon endure, for the branches and offspring of the House of Hanover to rule these realms.

P.S.—The 28th of August last, looking into the Flying Post, he saw one Duncan Grant made mention of, being now armourer of his Majesty's ship the "Rose." He, and he that put him in, both deserve Tyburn, for he, about two years ago, did curse that good man, King George, and said he hoped to have his heart's blood. 4 Sept. 1718.

The second letter is not now forthcoming, but the petition referred to is with the letter. 3 *pages and* 4 *lines.*

16 and 28 Sept. 19. Copies of two letters and a presentment relating to an "immethodicall practice" of not regularly accounting for the money raised to pay the expenses in the New Forest, and to the allowance of a perquisite of top, lop, and bark, to an officer on his assignment for fuel, wood, &c. The letters are dated 16 and 28 Sept. 1718. 3 *pages.*

[? About 30 Sept.] 20. (1.) The answer of Joseph Hinxman, Esq., Woodward of the New Forest, to the pretended charge against him by Edw. Young, Esq., Surveyor-General of his Majesty's Woods, &c., and his charge against the said Young . . . . . Court held for his . . . . . 1718.

(2.) "New Forest. An account of sales raised by Edward Young, Esq., Surveyor-General."

The answer of the same woodward to the presentment, and extract of Owen Sutherland, purveyor of his Majesty's dock at Portsmouth, relating to the sd wood . . . . . and delivered into the Court held for the sd forest . . . . .

(3.) Abstract of the amount of all the sales made in the New Forest by the above woodward.

(4.) The presentment of Owen Sutherland above referred to.

(5.) Extract of the several sales made by him from the year 1715. Dated 30 Sept. 1718. 15½ *pages, very faded, and parts almost illegible.*

30 Sept. 21. Certificate of the Comrs of the Office of Alienations (W. Jessop and W. Ashburnham), to the Lords of the Treasury, that no writs of error or covenant are suffered to pass their office before the "refines" upon them are compounded and paid, and it is impossible there should be any arrears due. The post fines paid upon writs of covenant, after the fines are passed, are collected by the sheriffs of the counties in which the lands lie, and by them paid into the Exchequer. 30 Sept. 1718. 1 *page.*

[? Sept. or Oct.] 22. List of wardrobe warrants at the Treasury to be signed for necessaries provided before Michaelmas 1718. 1 *page, quarto.*

2 Oct. 23. "An application of the Commrs for building 50 new churches for 25,000li to be imprested to their Treaſer." 20 Octobr 1718. 1 *page.*

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3 Oct. 24. Representation of the Com^{rs} for Taxes to the Lords of the Treasury, concerning the decrease of the duties on houses, with an account of arrears standing out at Michaelmas, 1718.

They attribute the loss principally to the stopping up of windows to avoid the tax, and to the indisposition of the Justices to act, who, they say, excuse whom they think fit. Recommend more stringent measures. Office for Taxes. 3 Oct. 1718.

Also the account referred to. 5 *pages.*

3 Oct. 25. Report of the Com^{rs} of Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Collins, Esq., Gov^{r} of Fort William, St. John's, Newfoundland, praying for 104*l.* due to him, according to his account; are of opinion his pretensions are very just, and think it a hardship that he should be kept out of his money, but have none given them by Parliament on that head. Office of Ordnance. 3 Oct. 1718.

The petition and three other papers.

Minuted :—" 9th May 1719. My Lords cannot direct any money, there being none applicable to this debt." 5 *pages.*

6 Oct. 26. " Account of money received for carrying on the Treaty of Peace with the Emperor of Morocco, together with an abstract of the several disbursements of it, from time to time, during Vice-Admiral Cornwall's being his Majesty's Plenipotentiary, commanding the Sally Squadron, &c." [The last date is 6 Oct. 1718.]

Also divers vouchers connected therewith. 26 *pages or parts of pages.*

8 Oct. 27. " An abstract of the established expence of the Treasurer of y^{e} Chamber's Office for the year commencing from Micħas last 1718, particularizing all additions that have been made to, or reducements from, the said establishment, since the same was first sign'd by his Maj^{ty}."

Also " Additions to the establishment by his Majesty's several warrants dormant, countersign'd by the Right Honoƀle the Lords Commissioners of his Ma$^{t's}$ Trear̃y." Treasurer of the Chamber's Office, October 8, 1718. 2 *pages.*

14 Oct. 28. " Charles Harison's report concerning lycences granted by the Court of Excheq^{r} to compound upon penall laws, &c.," viz., from 25 April 1718 to the 14th of October following. 16 *pages or parts of pages.*

[? About 14 Oct.] 29. " Copy of Establishment of salarys to clerks, &c. to the agents for taxes out of the Civil List and old duties on houses only, with what is propos'd to be paid out of both duties on houses to the same officers on the new establishment."

Minuted :—" 14th October 1718. My Lords resolve that they shall keep their office at one of the late Lottery Offices, near the Excheq^{r}, & shall have the same establishmen^{t} for inferior off^{rs} & incid^{ts}, as the late agents had. The necessary woman to be paid out of incid^{ts}, as John Broadhurst was." 1 *page.*

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1718. [? About 14 Oct.] 30. Petition of Alexander Carleton, Esq., to the Lords of the Treasury. Petitioner's wife was the widow of William Bache, late Master Smith to the Crown, and there remains due to him 1,865*l.* for brass and ironwork, still remaining in several palaces. Several of King William's creditors and tradesmen have been paid. Petitioner has never had pension or place, but has continued in the Commission of the Peace for Cumberland, his ancestor's family having been in that Commission from the first institution of that office in England, and have also been possessed without interruption of Carleton, in that county, from the time of the Saxons to this day. His predecessor, Mr. Robert Carleton, left but 200*l.* per ann. about the house, and most of that in mortgage, so that petitioner, who is descended of a younger brother, must be satisfied that the ancient inheritance of his forefathers be sold by a decree in Chancery for the payment of creditors, unless the Board pay his debt. Prays payment of 500*l.*, which will enable him to subsist and prevent the sale of the estate.

Minuted:—"14 Oct. 1718. To be considered next week, when my Lords intend a distribution."

"29th Oct^{r} 1718. 86^{li} 8^{s} 10¼^{d} to Carleton, & 200^{li} to Maj^{r} Foubert out of King William's arrears." 1 *page.*

15 Oct. [For the description of a letter relating to claims on the estates of the late Lord Widdrington, see Vol. CCIX., No. 2, p. 325, where it is misplaced.]

16 Oct. 31. Francis Negus to the Lords of the Treasury. Lays before their L^{ps} the state of the contingent expense of his Majesty's stables. The presents of hounds and bear dogs and hawks were not formerly charged on the contingencies of the stables. Prays for money immediately. Hampton Court, Oct. 16, 1718.

Also the abstract of the contingent expenses. 3 *pages.*

16 Oct. 32. Report of the Com^{rs} for Licensing Hawkers and Pedlars to the Lords of the Treasury, including an account of how much of the arrear has been recovered since the 13th of Aug^{t} last that was then standing out upon the revenue arising by licences granted to hawkers, &c., which was due and payable at Midsummer 1718. Oct. 16, 1718. 2 *pages.*

16 Oct. 33. Two letters and a report in relation to making a suitable reward to M^{r} Macky, Director of the Packet Boats at Dublin, for his services and zeal to the Government. In the same way M^{r} Manley, the Postmaster of Ireland, has been considered. The report is of the Postmasters (Cornwallis and Craggs), and they recommend him for some employment in Ireland, rather than for any sum out of the Post Office, which would not only load the same, but bring a clamour from the former contractor and his friends in Ireland, who were very solicitous to have him restored at his former allowance of 600*l.* a year. General Post Office, 16 Oct. 1718.

Minuted:—"29 July 1719. Rejected." 3 *pages and two halves.*

20 Oct. 34. "An abstract or heads of funds for raising by Act of Parliament the sum of one, two, or three hundred thousand pounds p^{r}

annum for one or more years, and which may be perpetuated as occasion may require, till such time as the public debts are cancelled and paid off, &c." October 20, 1718. Signed: T. Cornwallis.

There are 10 proposals. The first is that 2½ per cent. shall be paid by every heir, executor, &c. on lands, &c. for the first year in which he shall be possessed thereof. This may be called the first fruits of the laity to the Crown. 3 *pages.*

21 Oct. 35. Copy of letter from Mr Secretary Craggs to the Lords of the Admiralty for necessary directions to be given for transporting divers regiments to Ireland from divers places in England. Hampton Court, 21 Oct. 1718. 2 *pages, quarto.*

22 Oct. 36. The case of Ann Pack, widow. Her grandfather, father, and others of her family were faithful servants of the Crown, and her late husband, Joel Pack, being foster brother to the late Duke of Gloucester, was brought up and educated by the bounty and direction of Queen Ann and Prince George of Denmark, and was made a clerk of the Admiralty, till her Majesty should have some other preferment for him, which was prevented by his death, when he left a widow and two children. The late Queen allowed her 40 guineas yearly. His present Majesty also gave it with his own hand to the Earl of Carlisle, when he was head of the Treasury. The Lords of the Treasury settled on her a pension of 30*l.* per ann. Prays consideration of her case, it being at present upon the list of such as are suspended.

Her affidavit to the truth of the above is at the foot. There is also another affidavit by Dr Pratt on the same subject of an earlier date. 2 *pages.*

23 Oct. 37. A particular of the causes now under prosecution, with states thereof. Signed: A. Cracherode, 23 Oct. 1718.

Minuted:—" 5th Janry 1718. Mr Cracherode and Mr Stanwix, the Solr for Chelsea Hospll, will attend with states of the causes under their management before the next term. Mr Stanwix to attend to-morr." 8 *pages and* 4 *lines.*

[? About 28 Oct.] 38. Representation of the Comrs for visiting the colleges and schools of Aberdeen, to the King. An abstract of the revenue and charge of the University and King's College of Old Aberdeen, and a representation of the condition thereof, have been laid before them, showing that the new edifice in that College, undertaken and considerably advanced in the reign of King William, by contributions of private persons, is in great danger of ruin for want of money to finish it. Likewise that the old fabric is so decayed, that in the judgment of skilful workmen it cannot subsist without speedy repair. Also that the College revenue has been of late so much impaired by new erections and augmentations of ministers' stipends ejected by law, that the funds are sunk considerably below what is requisite for defraying their charges. The revenue of the College has been burthened with about 900*l.* of debts. The College was erected nearly 300 years since by the King's predecessors, and of late has been provided by his Majesty with well qualified masters. The Com^{rs} recommend the College to the Royal favour. Signed: "Buchan P."

Referred to the Lords of the Treasury, 28 Oct. 1718.

Minuted:—"17th July 1719. Read it when M^{r} Baily is here." 1 *large page.*

29 Oct. 39. Lord Power to [the Secretary of the Treasury.] In respect to his pension. He says:—"As you are very sensible, this pension was settled upon me in the time of the late Lord Godolphin, in consideration of my having quitted employments abroad worth five thousand pounds ꝑ ann., to return to my native allegiance, on the publick faith given by proclamation. And as I have no other subsistence for myself and two daughters, and am greatly in debt, insomuch that I live in constant danger of being thrown into a goal, I beg leave to repeat my request, that youle lay these, my unhappy circumstances, before their Lordships. Furthermore, that the six hundred and fifty pounds a year allow'd me, never amounted to above five hundred, and that it is much less at present, there being a deduction of five shillings per pound." 29 Oct. 1718.

Minuted:—"Read 29th Oct^{r} 1718." 2½ *pages, quarto.*

30 Oct. 40. Order in Council, on the petition of Thomas Povey, son of John Povey, Esq., late Clerk of the Privy Council, praying, in consideration of his father's long services, for an arrear of his father's salary, and for an appointment to some post. Recommending the petitioner to the Lords of the Treasury. 30 Oct. 1718.

Minuted:—"9th May 1719. Rejected."

Also the petition referred to. 2 *pages.*

4 Nov. 41. Report of Ro. Pringle, upon the memorial of the Earl of Lincoln; also representation with regard to the subsistence of three regiments on board the Fleet in the Mediterranean, from the 13th of July last, when they came upon the Establishment of Ireland, till they shall arrive in that kingdom. The Lord Lieut. has already given directions. On examination of the books, finds that it has been a constant practice upon transferring regiments from the British establishment to that of Ireland, to allow them the difference between the Irish and British pay. As the regiments are on actual service, they should receive the same favours as other regiments have done, and they should be paid upon the same footing as Brigadier Stanwix's regiment, now with them on board the fleet. 4 Nov. 1718.

The memorial and representation.

Minuted:—"6th Nov^{r} 1718. My Lords cannot direct them any add^{ll} pay." 4 *pages.*

[? About 4 Nov.] 42. Petition of Samuel Radcliffe, of Shaston, in the county of Dorset, gent., to the Lords of the Treasury, praying for a lease for 31 years of a parcel of about 150 acres of waste ground, called Common moor, supposed to have been formerly covered with sea. It has never been possessed by anyone, but fed by cattle that stray in there. It lies between, and is almost environed by the parishes of

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Langport, Hewish, and Aller, in the co. of Somerset, and is bounded on the east by a vill or hamlet, called Combe, in the parish of Hewish; on the west by the river which runs from Langport to Bridgewater (the north-west corner runs down against an island or withy bed, called Pond ware); on the north by two grounds of meadow or pasture called Monkey Leazes, and the way called Head Wall; on the south by certain meadows called Pull meads, and a moor called Langport higher moor, in the co. of Somerset.

Minuted:—"4th Novr 1718. No lease or grant of this can be made, the King having no title or record." 1 *page.*

4 Nov. 43. Report of the Comrs of Customs in North Britain, to the Lords of the Treasury. By their memorial of the 28th ult. they laid before their Lps an account received from their officers at the port of Inverness, that a party of Col. Clayton's regiment had been attacked by armed men to rescue a parcel of uncustomed goods seized by the Custom House officers, a corporal having been killed, and a private soldier wounded. Since that, have received information from another officer in Glasgow, who was making a seizure with a party of soldiers, that they were attacked by a numerous mob, and one of the rabble was killed. Custom House, Edinburgh, 4 Nov. 1718.

The memorial above referred to, and four other papers on the same subject.

One is *minuted:*—"4th Novr 1718. Read. To be layd before the King in Council." 8 *pages or parts of pages.*

6 Nov. 44. Report of the Comrs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury. Have already set forth their difficulties in the management of the Excise, and their opinion that they required a parliamentary remedy. One of these was the difference in the Scotch and English gallon. The justices determined that 36 English gallons should be allowed to the brewers, chargeable with a duty of 2*s.*. By the 7th Article of the Union, however, 34 gallons was considered the barrel, and the Comrs still charge the barrel at 34 gallons. The brewers detain 1/17 part of the duty, which requires a separate column in the accounts to keep these arrears in, causing great perplexity. It would be of great service to have this settled by Parliament. The arrears amounted to 24,000*l.*, the greatest part of which will be lost. Are of opinion that for the advantage of the revenue they should be empowered to let to farm the duties of excise, and duties on candles, hides, and skins, arising in the isles and remote parts. Excise Office, Edinburgh, 6 Nov. 1718. 1½ *pages.*

7 Nov. 45. Copy of report of A. Cracherode to the Lords of the Treasury, previously described under 19 Aug., as to the estate of Anne Harvey, deceased, with a note that it is a copy of the above report. *Signed:*—A. Cracherode, 7 Nov. 1718.

Also divers other papers connected with the same business. 18 *pages or parts of pages.*

12 Nov. 46. Board of Green Cloth to the Lords of the Treasury. Transmit an estimate of the expense of his Majesty's household for Michaelmas quarter, &c. Nov. 12 1718.

Also:—"Reductions & additions to his Mats Establishmt." 3 *pages.*

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[? About 12 Nov.] 47. Petition of the University of Edinburgh to the King, for the appointment of a salary to the Professorship of Anatomy in that University, Adam Drummond having been appointed to the honorary professorship. For want of it, it is not only a loss to the Society, but to the nation in general, there being great numbers of gentlemen who apply themselves to the study, and are obliged to spend their money abroad, whereas if he were thus encouraged, they might study at home. Since the encouragement of the "Profession" of the Civil Law, few or none go abroad for it.

Minuted:—"Referred to the Lords of the Treasury." [Nov. 12 1718.] 2 *pages.*

13 Nov. 48. Report of Walter Chetwynd to the Lords of the Treasury, on the state of the case of Alice King, widow. In consideration of the debt of 4,000*l.*, due from the crown to Thomas King, her late husband, upon account of the Royal fishery, or herring trade, a pension of 300*l.* per ann. was granted to Alice King and children, but was some time afterward reduced to 100*l.* per ann. As Alice King is seventy years of age thinks her pension might be continued, but that it should be in discharge of all debts or demands. 13 Nov. 1718.

Minuted:—"Warr^{t} sign^{d} 2d July 1719." 1 *page.*

13 Nov. 49. Petition of John Burgoyne, and others, clerks in the office of the Register General of all Trading Ships, to the Lords of the Treasury. The Lords of Trade and Plantations desired an account of the number of ships clearing from any port of England to any foreign parts, together with the tonnage, for 3 years. Request that they may not be excluded from an allowance for such extraordinary work, as they have hitherto been. Custom House, London, 13 Nov. 1718.

Minuted:—"9th May 1719. My Lords will discourse the Com^{rs} of Customes about this when they attend this Board." 1 *page.*

14 Nov. 50. Lord Stanhope to the Lords of the Treasury. Upon laying before the King the petition of Sir John Lambert, and others, praying for payment of 7,224*l.* 15*s.* for provisions in their factor's hands, which were seized for the use of the garrison of Alicant, when that place was in possession of the present Emperor, his Majesty directed their Lordships to give directions for their relief. 14 Nov. 1718.

The petition referred to.

Minuted:—"5th Dec^{r} 1718. There is no money applicable to this service." 2 *pages, quarto.*

14 Nov. 51. Memorial of the East India Co. to the Lords of the Treasury. The Board of Ordnance acquaint them that they have only malt tallies for 1717 to pay for the saltpetre demanded for the Government, which amounts to 13,500*l.* There is a discount of 2 per cent. on these tallies, and that Board can make no other payment. Pray for allowance of interest on those tallies to make them equal to specie, in which they should be paid. The saltpetre stands them in

more than they receive, besides interest and insurance. 14 Nov. 1718.

Signed:—"Tho. Wooley, Secry."

Minuted:—"My Lords will direct no other paymt. 9 May 1719." ½ *page*.

15 Nov. 52. Memorial of the Cofferer of his Majesty's household to the Lords of the Treasury, asking for the issue of 20,457*l*. Cofferer's Office, 15 Nov. 1718.

Minuted:—"17 Xber 1718. Ordered." 1 *page*.

20 Nov. 53. Alienations for the year ended Michas 1718.

The expenses of the Alienation office from the last day of Michaelmas Term 1717 to Michaelmas Day 1718.

Certified by the Comrs for Alienations, W. Ashburnham and W. Jessop. Nov. 20, 1718. 2 *pages*.

20 Nov. 54. Two other papers of the same officers, as to the produce of the writs of entry and covenant, the amount of officers' salaries, &c. Dated 20 Nov. 1718.

Docqueted:—"Alienacons, one years accot, to Mich. 1718." 3 *pages*.

21 Nov. 55. Memorial (signed) of Elizabeth Slingsby, the only child, unprovided for, of Col. Walter Slingsby, deceased, to the Lords of the Treasury. Her father raised, armed, and clothed a regiment for King Charles I., which cost him 6,000*l*., and he ran all the hardships and hazards imaginable. His Majesty gave him an instrument under the sign manual for the same. Lord Chancellor Hyde got him 300*l*. in part of the interest thereon. His Majesty also ordered that he should receive 100*l*. per ann. out of the Royal Oak Lottery for life, and afterwards to his children; and this continued to be paid after her father's death, memorialist receiving 20*l*. per ann. Memorialist is now in Ireland. Prays that it may be paid as formerly to her. Kinsale, 21 Nov. 1718.

Certificate of the truth of the memorial, with numerous signatures at the foot. 2 *pages*.

22 Nov. 56. Representation of the Court of Directors of the United East India Co to the Lords of the Treasury, on the mischief which his Majesty's subjects, trading from Ostend and other places to the East Indies, under colour of foreign commissions, occasion to the general trade of this kingdom, to his Majesty's revenue and to the Company. "Are extremely apprehensive that if a petition should be delivered in the Company's name it would meet with obstacles and the remedy they earnestly wish for would not find so easy a passage through the House, as if the motion were made by their Lordships' directions for leave to bring in a Bill to prevent the prejudice which must inevitably happen to his Majesty's Revenue if the project be not effectually defeated." East India House, 22 Nov. 1718. 1 *page*.

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1718. [? About 24 Nov.] 57. Memorial of Magdalena Ross, daughter of George Ross, Esq., deceased, who served the Princess of Orange, mother to King William III., for 21 years, as first Gentleman Usher, for which service great arrears were due to him at her Highness' death, and were never paid. After her death, King Charles II. promised to take care of him, and soon after granted him a pension of 200*l.* per ann. for life (as appears by the annexed patent), but her father died soon after, and she is the only one surviving of three daughters. At the coming of King William, they had fallen into great poverty. The King said he remembered their father very well, and verily believed that he was not paid, and granted to each a pension of 30*l.*; but that not sufficing they petitioned his Majesty a second time, and obtained an order to have the pension amended, but the King dying soon after, that order was not executed; but she enjoyed the 30*l.* per ann. during the King's and Queen Anne's lives, and till the present time, when she is to receive it no longer. Prays for its continuance.

Her affidavit as to the truth of the above. Dated 24 Nov. 1718.

Copy of the patent referred to. 2 *pages.*

25 Nov. 58. Lord Lieut. of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury. The Lords Justices and Privy Council of Ireland have represented the necessity of reducing three pence of the present value of the guinea, to make it bear proportion to the silver current in the kingdom. Hears that the matter has been referred to their Lordships, and asks what progress has been made. Dover Street, 25 Nov. 1718.

Copy of letter on the same subject. 2 *pages.*

25 Nov. 59. The same to the same, respecting the memorial of Col. Henry Monro to be placed on the establishment of half-pay in Ireland. Sends the report thereon from the Lords Justices. Recommends memorialist for his good services during the wars of Ireland, and for the character he bears. Same date.

The memorial referred to.

Minuted:—"13th January 1718. Prepare a warrant pursuant to the report of the Lords Justices to Lord Lieutenant of Ireland."

Copy of the same, with another on the same subject; copy of warrant to place him on half-pay, and two other letters all on the same subject. 8 *pages.*

26 Nov. 60. Thomas Colby (Transport Office) to the Secretaries of the Treasury. Encloses an estimate of transporting three regiments of foot and two of dragoons from Britain to Ireland, amounting to 1,496*l.* 8*s.*, in order that their Lps may direct the issue of the money to the Treasurer of the Navy. Transport Office, 26 Nov. 1718.

The estimate. 2 *pages.*

27 Nov. 61. Memorial of Jane Guenon de Beaubuisson, for herself and two daughters, to the Hon. Walter Chetwynd, Esq., Paymaster. Her husband, Mr Peter Guenon, was Gentleman of the Bow, and Private Armoury Keeper to King William, 1,300*l.* being due at the

King's demise. In consideration whereof Queen Anne granted a pension of 100*l.* per ann. to memorialists, which was continued by the present King. Prays for its continuance.

Also her affidavit of the truth of the above. Dated 27 Nov. 1718. 1 *page.*

28 Nov. 62. Report of R. Powys to the Lords of the Treasury, as to what was due to the Hon. Edward Wortley, Esq., late H.M. Ambassador to the Grand Seignior. His ordinary allowance of 10*l.* a day commenced when he took leave of his Majesty, viz., 30 May 1716, and was paid to 7 April 1717, on which day he had audience of the Grand Seignior at Adrianople, where it was presumed he would have stayed that summer. Upon his audience, his allowance was to commence from the Turkey Company; and it was mentioned in the last warrant that the 10*l.* a day was to determine from 7 April 1717. There would be due to him on his ordinary entertainment of 10*l.* a day, for 545 days, from 7 April 1717 to 4 Oct. 1718, when he returned into his Majesty's presence, 5,450*l.*, and for extraordinary disbursements at 1,200*l.* per ann., from 30 May 1716 to 4 Oct. 1718, 2,815*l.* 1*s.* 4*d.* As to his second article, the privy seal does not allow of extraordinaries. Mr Wortley hopes his Majesty will allow thereof. My Lord Paget had great sums allowed him upon the Treaty of Carlowitz, and Sir Robert Sutton and Mr Stanyan are, by their privy seals, to be allowed extraordinaries. The Turkey Company paid him their allowance to 13 June 1718, and if continued to 4 Oct. it would have come to 620*l.* 10*s.* 11½*d.* These sums amount to 8,885*l.* 12*s.* 3¾*d.* Further observes that in Dec. 1717 there was paid to Sir Charles Cook, Treasurer of the Levant Company, 4,000*l.* without account, as of his Majesty's royal bounty, intended to reimburse the company for settling Abraham Stanyan, Esq., appointed ambassador at Constantinople, in consideration of the expense the company was put to in so lately settling another person who was sent ambassador there. 28 Nov. 1718.

Edward Wortley's memorial and four other papers. 5 *pages and* 3 *halves.*

28 Nov. 63. Proposal of John Shorey and Son to the Lords of the Treasury. Refer to their former proposal of 13 June last, to dispose of the tin in the Tower. Now offer to buy 50 tons more, and pay for it on 13 March next, at 3*l.* 6*s.* 6*d.* per 100. London, Nov. 28, 1718.

Minuted:—"3d Decr 1718. Dr Fauquiere to attend to-morrow morning."

In the *Minute Book,* vol. 22, p. 135, 16 Jan. 1718, is:—"My Lords direct him to deliver out of the East India Company's order 100 tons of tyn, at 3*l.* 6*s.* 6*d.* p 100 wt." 2 *pages.*

29 Nov. 64. Report of the Surveyor-General (Cholmley) to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Charles Long, Esq., for a grant for 31 years of a fee farm rent of 65*l.* per ann., issuing out of the

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borough of Dunwich (Suffolk), at 5*l.* per ann. rent. King Edw. I. granted the borough to the burgesses and men of Dunwich, under the fee farm rent of 65*l.* per ann., but in King Charles the Second's time it was, owing to the decay of trade and frequent inundations of the sea, reduced to 5*l.* per ann. The King may remit all arrears before Michaelmas 1715. But if he granted the fee farm rent of 65*l.* per ann. for 31 years at 5*l.* per ann., such grant would be contrary to an Act of 1 Geo. I., and he therefore cannot advise it. 29 Nov. 1718.

Minuted:—"10th Novr 1720. My Lords adhere to the Survrs' report."

Also the petition. 2½ *pages.*

Nov. 65. "Testificate" of the Justices of the Peace, Ministers of the Gospel, and others in the county of Aberdeen, that on 10 April or upon one or other of the days of that month, 1690, about the number of 500 men, disaffected to the Government, came down from the Highlands upon the lands of John Leith, of Whitehaugh, and took from the tenants 180 black cattle or more, 36 horses and mares or more, 700 sheep or more, and about 300*l.* sterling or more, with household stuff and furniture, which depredation was occasioned by the said John Leith being firm for the Government and Protestant religion, "as he continues to this day." "Given at Whitehaugh, 30 Oct., jm. vij. C., and eighteen [1718], and at Aberdeen, the — day of November, jm. vij. C. and eighteen." 1 *page* (*brief size*).

Nov. 66. Memorial of "Charlotte Rycaut, daughter of Sir Gilbert Goviard, Bart., and widow of Capt. Rycaut of the late Earl of Donnegall's regiment, who was killed at the attack of Fort Montjuich in Spain, to the Hon. Walter Chetwynd, Esq. On the Accession had a grant of a pension of 40*l.* per ann. for the loss of her husband, and for a son, drowned with Sir Cloudesley Shovell," &c. Prays for continuance of the pension.

Her affidavit of the truth of the above. Dated. Nov. 1718. 1 *page.*

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2 Dec. 1. Representation of the Comrs for Stamps to the Lords of the Treasury, in relation to the division of the county of Somerset into a third district. The allowance to distributors being small, their security large, &c., have induced the Board to employ as few persons as possible for supplying the country, and in some parts to put several counties under one distribution, not only to make persons of substance and repute come readily into bonds to the Crown, but

to prevent a necessary addition of clerks and officers at the head office, &c.

Stamp Office, Lincoln's Inn. 2 Dec. 1718.

Minuted:—"Read." 1 *page*.

5 Dec. 2. Representation of the South Sea Company to the Lords of the Treasury, viz., that there are 150,000*l.* of general mortgage tallies, which will come in course of payment about Christmas next, and thereby occasion a very great deficiency in their fund, and deprive them of their usual weekly receipt, for at least three or four months to come. They will be under the greatest difficulty to answer the company's bonds, and other large demands upon them; besides the half yearly dividends, which will soon become due to the proprietors; pray that their L^{ps} will find some other method to discharge the above tallies. South Sea House, 5 Dec. 1718. 1 *page*.

6 & 8 Dec. 3. Certificate that their remains unsatisfied upon the register for tin 35,735*l.* besides interest. Signed: "Halifax." Exchequer, 6 Dec. 1718. Another memorandum from D^{r} Fauquiere on the same subject. 8 Dec. 1718. *A few lines*.

[Before 9 Dec.] 4. Petition of Thomas Robertson, merchant of Inverness, to the Lords of the Treasury. Proposes to grant a bond under such a penalty as their L^{ps} may require, to assign to the Com^{rs} of Customs of Edinburgh, his whole estate, to be kept by them until petitioner shall pay the sum that shall appear to have accrued to him by certain frauds; prays them to obtain his Majesty's permission therein.

"R^{d} 9th Dec^{r}."

"2^{d} Jan^{ry} 1718. If the petitioner will offer such security to the Com^{rs} Customes for refunding his share in the frauds committed at Inverness, as they shall approve of, and will make the discoverys to my Lords, promised in this petition, my Lords will move his Ma^{tie} for his most gracious pardon. 1 *page*.

13 Dec. 5. London, 13 Dec. 1718. Account of what money was advanced by Sir John Lambert and Edward Gibbon on the tin in Hamburgh, and interest due on the same, what quantity of tin was disposed of, what received for the same, and what due on the loan.

Also an account of tin remaining in Holland, sent by Sir Theodore Jansen. 2 *pages*.

6 Nov.—19 Dec. 6. Four reports of Walter Chetwynd to the Lords of the Treasury on the examinations he had made into the pensions of various persons who were suspended from receiving them. Dated between 6 Nov. and 19 Dec. 1718.

The names of the persons are arranged alphabetically, and the individual cases are fully reported on. 28 *pages*.

20 Dec. 7. Petition of John Barton to the Lords of the Treasury, for a reference of his account to the late and present Surveyor-General, in order to the payment of the balance of 1,600*l.* and upwards due to

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him for work executed under Edward Wilcox, Esq., late Surveyor-General of his Majesty's Woods, Trent South, with a note of the reference to the officers mentioned on 20 Dec. 1718.

Also an account of all work done by him in the New Forest, at the Queen's house at Lyndhurst, in Hyde Park, at Whittlewood Forest, and at Windsor. 52 *pages.*

22 Dec. 8. Memorial of Colen Campbell and Benjamin Benson, officers of his Majesty's Works, to the Lords of the Treasury. Send some papers relating to the contract proposed for his Majesty's buildings. The Surveyor-General of H.M. Works acquainted the memorialists that the ordinary repairs of H.M. palaces should be fixed at a certain price, and by examination the sum that seemed most reasonable was 16,000*l.* per ann. By leaving out Somerset House, there was an abatement of 2,000*l.*, and by other abatements the sum was reduced to 12,000*l.* Jackson, Barker, and Hues contracted for the repairs of the palaces for four years. They have now to see that the work is well done and to be paid for their pains. The master mason gives an instance of the cheating practiced, viz., that the clerk at Hampton Court had built a house for one of the workmen with H.M. stores, and then charged the house in the office books, by which means his Majesty paid twice for a building which he ought not to have paid for at all. Allude to other mal-practices. Memorialist Benson states that Mr. Chr. Tilson, at Hampton Court, has the possession of one of pavilions at that palace, upon which several considerable sums have been expended, partly by collusion with the Clerk of the Works, and partly by a greater authority. Also that abominable abuses have been discovered, such as making his Majesty pay double for workmen, false measuring, cutting the lead to pieces in Westminster Hall and both Houses of Parliament, stealing the lead at St. James's, bringing in bills for day-work, that do not appear, &c. 22 Dec. 1718.

Four other papers relating to the Office of Works, one of which is headed :—" Remarks on the conduct of Wm. Benson, Esq^re^, Surveyor of his Majesty's Works." The first Article states: " That under specious pretences of saving money to his Majesty in the works & repairs of his palaces, he got S^r^ Chr. Wren turned out, and himself put into his place; his brother, lately come from a merchant in Holland, Clerk of the Works, in the room of Mr. Hawksmoor, to the palaces of Whitehall, &c., and his agent, Colen Campbell, chief clerk in the room of Mr. Wren" ; and the sixth Articles states :—About this time the new Surveyor alarmed the King, Lords, and Commons, with the immediate and imminent danger of the falling of the House of Lords, Painted Chamber, Court of Requests &c., and by his own orders were set up shores and props, found and reported by the ablest builders and workmen to be more dangerous to the buildings than their own decay.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. 22 p. 124, 23 Dec. 1718, is :—" The memorial of Benj^n^ Benson, jun^r^, & Colin Campbell, in answer to the depositions of M^r^ Huggins & the Master Mason is read." 19 *pages.*

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22 Dec. 9. Lord Lieut. of Ireland (Bolton) to the Lords of the Treasury. Has desired the Lords Justices to cause a particular account of the exceedings on the establishment for military contingencies to be made up, which he encloses. Dover St., 22 Dec. 1718.

Minuted:—"12th May 1718. Warrt sign'd."

The account is not now with it. 1 *page*.

24 Dec. 10. Lords Justices to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. Enclose memorial presented to them by Col. Clement Nevill in behalf of several officers of Brigadier Munden's regiment of dragoons, giving an account of the misfortune they sustained by bad weather in their passage from Park Gate, by which they had several horses killed and disabled on board, &c. Sent for the captain of the yacht, who was at Park Gate when the horses were embarked. He thinks the masters of the transports were highly blameable in neglecting to go to sea when he did, the wind being then fair, with good weather, and the horses on board. Submit whether the matter should not be laid before the Comrs of Transports in England that they may stop the freight of the masters of the transports towards making good the damage. The revenue of this kingdom has fallen very much of late. Dublin Castle, 24 Dec. 1718.

The memorial referred to. 2 *pages*.

24 Dec. 11. Memorial of the Comrs for forfeitures in Scotland to the Lords of the Treasury. 2,367*l*. 9*s*. 8¾*d*. were due at Lady-day for incidents and salaries to their officers in Scotland, and 1,842*l*. 3*s*. 6½*d*. have become due on 24 September. Since the 28th of March only 1,800*l*. has been issued, leaving a balance of 2,409*l*. 13*s*. 3¼*d*. due. Pray their Lps to order 3,000*l*. to be paid to their Accountant-General, William Kennedy, Esq.

Minuted:—"17th Decr 1718. Prepare a warrt."

Also an account of salaries and incident charges from 24 Sept. to 24 Dec. 1718. 3 *pages*.

[? About 25 Dec.] 12. An estimate of what will be wanting to satisfy the foreign ministers on their ordinary entertainments to Christmas 1718, and on their extraordinary allowances. The total was 10,343*l*. 10*s*. 1 *page*.

26 Dec. 13. Report of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the [Duke of Bolton ?], on a memorial of Wm. Ferris, Esq., about the mills and wears at Kilmainham, which he alleged were formerly in the possession of the Government steward for the use of the chief governor or governors of Ireland. Referred the memorial to the Comrs of Revenue and to the Solicitor-General, whose report of the 13th inst. they annex. Dublin Castle, 26 Dec. 1718.

United is an information preferred by the Attorney-General in the Court of Exchequer in 1673, for the recovery of the above mills and wears. "One Qr-Master Flood took the defence, and upon full evidence judgment was given for his Majesty."

Also two reports and a further reference on the same subject, giving some particulars of the property from the time it was for-

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feited by McWey, an Irish papist, in the rebellion of 1641, till it was let to the miller who now has it, at 100*l.* rent per ann. 5 *pages.*

29 Dec. 14. R. Topham to the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Sunderland. Recommends Mr. Rowland again to his Lp's protection. During the heats of the last election several malicious informations were trumped up against him and carried to the office of the works; but they were entirely slighted by the Board. Mr Rowland desires to be heard to the charge before anything is determined to his prejudice. Windsor, Dec. 29, 1718. 1 *page, quarto.*

13 Sept.–30 Dec. 15. Various papers relating to the affairs of the Trustees for the Sale of the Forfeited Estates in Scotland, and more particularly to the claims before the Comrs of Enquiry in Scotland, set up by Robert Dundas, Solicitor-General for Scotland, on behalf of the Crown, to the single and life-rent escheats of the Earl Marshal and others attainted, whose estates became forfeited by their wilful disobedience in not "compearing" before the Court of Justiciary, upon the charges that were given them, pursuant to a clause of the Act made 1 Geo. I., entitled, An Act for Encouraging all Superiors, Vassals, &c., and who have since that time been attainted for high treason. Dated between 13 Sept. and 30 Dec. 1718.

The last paper is an "Accompt of the yearly values of the real estates (according to the surveys returned) of such of the attainted persons, whose life-rent escheats are acclaimed by the Solicitor-General on behalf of his Majesty." 10 *documents.*

Dec. 16. Several of the Patent Officers of the Works to Lord Sunderland, about abuses committed in the Office of Works. The late Comrs, under specious pretences of saving the Crown money, broke the ancient establishment, yet by great and unnecessary expenses, and large additional salaries, and travelling charges to themselves, putting their coachmen, footmen, and other men and maid servants on the list of day labourers, the quarterly accounts grew so high that they were ashamed or afraid to carry in one three-quarters' account to the Treasury, in all their three years' time, but postponed the tradesmen's just debts to the amount of about 50,000*l.*, to the ruin of some, and loss of all the artists employed, whilst the paymaster and some other officers enriched themselves thereby. Criticise the new project of the surveyor, which will help him immediately to ready money, which he wants, and which will never be half employed as it ought, for the palaces are in such good repair as not to require near the annual sum [asked], "therefore, the three tools, the contractors, are commanded by the surveyor to assign the benefit of their contract to his brother Benson, Secretary to the Board, and Clerk of the Works of Whitehall, and to Mr Colen Campbell, the Surveyor's deputy, and chief clerk of the works, with a power of attorney to receive the 1,000*l.* monthly, but for the surveyor." Are sure that the works would be cheaper and better done by the old method. Scotland Yard, December 1718. 2 *pages.*

[? End of 1718.] 17. Petition of Mr William Wishart, Principal of the College of Edinburgh, and William Elliot, Esq., executors of the late Sir James Wishart, knight, Admiral of the White, and Commander-in-Chief of his Majesty's ships in the Mediterranean in the year 1714, to the King. Sir James Wishart, about April 1714, expended 56*l.* 5*s.* to procure intelligence, and get into his hands an original contract of great importance concerning the trade of this nation. In July of the same year he expended 235*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* in presents to the Dey and others of the government of Algiers, to facilitate his negotiations there. The Lords of the Admiralty declined to allow these articles. Prays his Majesty to order payment.

Letter of J. Wishart to the Principal Secretary of State (Sunderland), and copies of two others on the same subject. ? End of 1718. 5 *pages.*

[? After Dec.] 18. Memorial of Sir John Anstruther, Surveyor-General and Master of H.M. Works in Scotland, to the Lords of the Treasury. H.M. palace of Holy Rood House has fallen into a ruinous condition for want of repairs since the Union. Memorialist had it surveyed in Nov. 1717, when it might have been repaired for 1,797*l.* 2*s.* 9*d.* The house is unprovided with water, which may be brought for 300*l.* more; a second survey in Dec. last shown that it would take 106*l.* more for repair of the roof, &c. The whole expense will be 2,681*l.* 4*s.* 1*d.*, besides 300*l.* for the water. Prays that the sums may be issued to prevent the utter ruin of the house.

Encloses the second survey referred to. 2 *pages.*

[Between 1714 and 1718.] 19. The Lord Cornwallis's case. The Lords of the Treasury directed a lease of the site and demesnes of the Priory of St. Peter's, in Eye, and the manor of Eyehall to be passed to Lord Cornwallis for 31 years, at 300*l.* fine and the usual rents, but the Queen Dowager claims the site in the grant of her jointure. The Lord Cornwallis is likely to be put to great expense in defending the King's title, and desires the lease may be granted to him without fine, or that the fine may be moderated.

Minuted.—"Granted to bee respited as within." 1 *page.*

[Between 1714 and 1718.] 20. Petition of Sir John Germain, Bart., to the Lords of H.M. Treasury. Has an annuity of 800*l.* per ann., payable out of the Receipt of the Exchequer, for which he has only one tally and order. Prays them to vacate the same, and to direct as many tallies and orders to be prepared in lieu thereof at 14*l.* each, as will amount to the full value.

Sir John Germain died in 1718. 1 *page.*

21. "An abstract of the several *supers* set upon persons for services relating to the land forces in the accompts past before the auditors of his Maty's imprests, which remain to be accounted for." [After 1717.] 3 *pages, brief size.*

22. Petition for Mrs Margaret Territt to be continued on the list of poor pensioners, at 20*l.* per ann. She is a very great object of charity, and of a very good family.

[After Lord Torrington ceased to be a Lord of the Treasury (viz., 1717)].

Minuted:—“ Agreed to 20^{li}.” ½ *page*.

23. “ Sarah Coghlan, *alias* Crosbie's case in behalf of his Majesty.” A paper so headed, containing abstracts of an inquisition and other documents touching the case between 1638 and 1717, with a certificate at the end signed by Henry Singleton and two others, that they have perused the same, and are of opinion that his Majesty is entitled to whatever estate Sir John Crosbie was seised of, at the time of his attainder, and that the lands conveyed by Sir Walter Crosbie by his feoffment deed of 13 April 1630 (under which Sir John at the time of his attainder was entitled to an estate in tail male) were concealed from the Crown. [After 1717, the date of the last document referred to.] 6 *pages*.

24. Observations on the Com^{rs} of Customs' report on M^r Barnet's representation to the Treasury respecting the Custom House accounts. [After 1717.] 2½ *pages*.

25. Clause proposed for an Act of Parliament for the Marine Officers' respits. Walter Whitfield, deceased, late Paymaster of the Marine regiments, computed that 6,798*l*. 0*s*. 1½*d*. were due to the officers of the Marine regiments. [? After 1717.]

Also copies of votes of the House of Commons in 1712 and 1713, connected with the same. 5 *pages*.

26. Petition of William, late Lord Widdrington, Ralph Standish, John Dalton, John Thornton, William Shaftoe, Philip Hodshon, and Albert Hodshon for themselves and others, who were convicted of high treason, but had their lives and liberty given to them. Their estates were forfeited for the use of the public. Have been two years destitute. Pray that a Bill may be brought in to enable his Majesty to dispose of the estates for their benefit. [? About 1718.] 1 *page*.

27. A paper *docqueted* :—“ Notes on all the peticõns and signatures brought in.” The documents referred to are petitions from the “ wife of Rollo,” the Lady Paterson, and the wife of Lyndesay, the petition and Barons' report for Threpland, the petition and Attorney-General's report for Errington, the like for Standish, and three petitions, with a report from the Barons for Lady Kingstoun, Lady Elphinston, and Mrs. Carnegy. They relate to provisions out of the estates of their husbands. In addition to the notes on the above is added : “ On the signatures of Ladys Nairn and Southesk, see particular notes ;” and further : “ Two more signatures are newly returned from Scotland for Lady Drummond, and the wife and children of Stirling, who, being in the same act as Lady Southesk, be pleased to be referred to the notes on her signature.”

With these are copies of several minutes, which will be found entered on the reports on these cases calendared for July of this year. 2¼ *pages*.

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28. Memorial to the Lords of the Treasury of the 122 French officers respited in Ireland from the 12th of August 1717, for the removal of their respits, as well as the oath required concerning their goods, after pensions have been given to them for their services, &c. Praying for a warrant to that effect. (French.) 1 *page.*

29. Petition of William Hamilton, of Grange, First Commissary for the shire of Midlothian, and in the name of the noblemen and heritors of that shire and of the shires of East and West Lothians and Lanark. These counties, during the late Rebellion in Scotland, in 1715, furnished certain quotas of horsemen and carriages for the service of the train of artillery, &c., and have received no satisfaction. Relates the efforts made to obtain payment. Prays their L^{ps} to take into their consideration the parts of Capt. Burrough's accounts, which relate to these charges, also his own case and that of Quartermaster Rigg. ? 1718. 1 *page, brief size.*

30. A paper *docqueted:*—"S. S. Scheme" [South Sea Scheme.] The scheme is divided into nine separate items, and the first item is:—"That the present fund for the Lottery, 1710, be incorporated into the company's present fund, and both of them made equally subject to the payment of the company's present annuities of 500,000*l.* and 8,000*l.* per annum, as well as of the intended additional annuities of 125,000*l.* and 2,000*l.* per annum, preferable to all other payments or dispositions." ? About 1718. 1 *page.*

31. Certain memoranda laid before the Lords of the Treasury by [? the Paymaster-General] to show what was allowed to other paymasters, &c. after the expiration of their patents. ? About 1718. 1 *page.*

32. Names taken at the Lord William Pawlett's office in the Exchequer, in order for a subscription towards a lottery for reducing Exchequer Bills, the tickets valued at 3*l.* per ticket in this account. (Draft.)

Also another similar list. 4¼ *pages.*

33. A scheme for a more speedy collecting and better securing the moneys arising on the Land Tax in Great Britain, and for recovering the same without any charge to the Government.

[The proposal is to throw the collection on the Com^{rs} of Excise]. ? 1718. 1¼ *pages.*

34. Proposal for a considerable saving in several articles of the contingent expenses of the Civil List. ? 1718. 1¼ *pages.*

35. A paper *docqueted:*—"Trearer̃ Chamber. Debt. Mid^{sr} & Michas. qu^{rs} 1718." *Signed:*—"J. Holbech." 1 *page.*

36. "Acco^{t} of interest due on sundry tallys of sol [to 25 Xber 1717], taken in by the Accomp^{t}-General of the Bank of England, for annuitys at the rate of 4 p. c^{t} p^{r} annum, according to an Act of Parliament in that behalf." ? 1718. *Signed:*—"Jn^{o} Monteage, Account^{a}-Gen^{ll} of the Bank of England." 2 *pages.*

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37. An account of the salaries due to his Majesty's agents and other inferior officers belonging to the tin contract, from Midsummer to Christmas 1717. ? 1718.

Also an account of the officers of the Mint of the quantity of tin remaining in the Tower. *Parts of* 2 *pages.*

38. A list of the names of governors, receivers, and deputy-auditors in the Plantations. Undated, but between 1718 and 1720. 1½ *pages.*

39. A paper-covered book, having on the first page the word "Appendix." It is divided under the following heads :—"N^{o} 1. Abstract of the acco^{ts} of the stewarts or factors appointed by the Lords of Session upon the forfeited estates in Scotland, taken before the Com^{rs} and Trustees for the said forfeited estates." "N^{o} 2. Abstracts of severall surveys of the forfeited estates real, lying in Scotland, taken by the surveyor & his deputy upon the oathes of the severall tenn^{ts} & possessors, &c., by ord^{r} of the Cõmissioners & Trustees for the said forfeited estates in the year 1718, containing the particular rents, and the yearly values thereof." [The names and rental of the properties are given at pp. 29 and 30.] "N^{o} 3. Octob. 15, 1718. The reasons for sustaining the claims of personal creditors of forfeiting persons, tho' the bonds and other vouchers of the debts were not upon record, before committing the treason; as the same were pled before, and humbly offered to the honoble Commission^{rs} and trustees of the forfeited estates in Scotland, in the case of the Governour and Company of the Bank of Scotland, their claim upon the estates of Southesque and Balnamoon, by the counsel for the said Governour and Company." Undated, but ? 1718. 47 *pages.*

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1. Letters of J. Burchett for the Lords of the Admiralty to William Lowndes, Esq., as to the management of the Transport Office, as to M^{r} Bridger and his Majesty's woods in New England, as to a privy seal for the salaries of the Lords of the Admiralty, and as to the remission of the taxes paid by the clerks. Also three other papers relating to a pension sought for by Abigail Nichols, widow. 11 *pages.*

2. Reports to the King, of the Com^{rs} appointed to examine, state, and determine the debts due to the army, viz. :—on respits and deductions from the accounts of the regiments which served during the late war in Spain and Portugal; on accounts and demands of various persons, such as for coals for Gibraltar, contingent charges of of Brigadier Lepel's regiment of foot, the Earl of Carnarvon for services relating to the army, &c.; on the demands of the Duke of Saxe Gotha; on allowances to regiments of horse and dragoons that

served in Spain and Portugal in the late war; on subsistence of prisoners; on the demands of the Landgrave of Hesse-Cassel for Great Britain's proportion of an arrear due on account of his troops which served in the late war (two reports); on demands of regiments which served in Spain and Portugal; on the state of an arrear due to the Prince of Oost Friesland; and on a demand of an arrear due to the King of Denmark for recruit money to his troops. During the year 1718. 35 *large pages or parts of pages.*

3. Reports of the Controllers of the Accounts of the Army (Medows and Bruce) to the Lords of the Treasury, on a memorial of Thomas Moore, Esq., late Paymaster of the Forces, together with his scheme for carrying on and performing the service of issuing debentures for such debts as are certified by the Com^rs^ for determining the debts due to the army; on a charge made by the Transport Office on several regiments for provisions in their passage from Ireland to Scotland; and on the provisioning of Gibraltar. In the year 1718. 11 *pages.*

4. Reports of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, during the year 1718. In addition to the reports on various petitions arising out of the seizures of contraband goods, and other ordinary matters connected with the Customs Department, there is one of 24 April on the rebuilding and enlarging of the Custom House in Thames Street. Sir Jonathan Cope had a warehouse on the north side of the Custom House, and two taverns, and a ground rent of 274*l.* per annum from the present Custom House. Sir Jonathan Cope's terms are very high, and he can only grant a perpetual lease. Will lay the treaty with the Trustees of the Free School at Sevenoaks before their Lordships when it is completed, in order to make an addition to the eastward of the present building. Recommend that the west end, which was damaged by fire, and the two taverns adjoining, should be rebuilt.

Minuted:—" Approved."

Also a plan and a presentment of 9 May 1717 on the same subject. They recommend M^r^ Ripley to take charge of the work.

Another paper shows that guineas were to be received at the rate of 21*s.* each, with a proportional abatement on all gold coin. 26 *papers or sets of papers.*

5. A few reports of the Com^rs^ of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, in the year 1718. Amongst them is one (of 13 Jan.) as to the revenue arising from malt by the different ways and times of gauging used at the beginning of the late reign and those now practised, which concludes:—" Many of the malsters in the most considerable malting countrys are fallen into a practice of throwing their corn out of the cistern before it is fully steeped or swoln, by which means they prevent the officers takeing such gages in the cistern or couch as will answer the allowance given, and afterwards they supply that defect in steeping, by watering the corn on the

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couch or floor, which we are informed was never in use before the dutys commenced, and we are humbly of opinion that a prohibition of that practice would be no prejudice to the fair working malsters, and a considerable advantage to the revenue on malt." Another relates to the lessening of the price of the guineas and broad pieces of gold. 12 *pages.*

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1. A collection of financial papers, including: accounts of income and issues of Her Majesty's Civil List revenues; produce of the Civil List; the revenues settled, or appointed for the service of Her Majesty's household and the honour and dignity of the Crown; money remaining in the Exchequer; account of public debts at the Exchequer; accounts of surpluses and the produce at the Exchequer of certain duties and revenues; interest on Exchequer Bills; and a state of the gross and net produce of his Majesty's revenue of 12*d.* per bushel on Scots white salt. 30 *papers or sets of papers.*

2. A few papers relating to the debt of the navy. 1718. 7 *pages.*

3. Various papers connected with the Pay Office for the year 1718, such as applications for money for Her Majesty's forces, accounts, and estimates. Chiefly signed by the Earl of Lincoln, and dated Pay Office, Horse Guards.

One of the papers is Mr Howe's memorial for allowance upon his final accounts. Prays for a warrant for allowance of 3,580*l.* on his accounts for salaries of clerks, &c. in the maintenance of an office for four years, since he was dismissed. Had received and paid above 400,000*l.* since his dismission, after 12 years' execution of the office, he hopes with great content and satisfaction to all who had any concern with it, as well as some advantage and benefit to the public. Had caused the most remarkable saving remembered to have been made viz.:—76,741*l.* 5*s.* at one time, for arrears of pay demanded by pretended out-pensioners belonging to Chelsea Hospital, with the further sum of 38,370*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.*, which would have become an annual charge to the public if he had not refused and opposed the payment of it. 30 *papers.*

4. Two reports and a certificate of Sir Roger Mostyn, [? late Paymaster of Marine Regiments,] to the Lords of the Treasury, as to

moneys issued on account of recruits, claims of Commissioners for disbanding those regiments, and as to debentures made forth by him. 9 *pages*.

5. Reports of the Com^{rs} for Taxes to the Lords of the Treasury, on matters arising in their department, viz., on the prevention of the scarcity of silver in the several counties; on the number of guineas or other pieces of gold in the hands of the Receiver-General at the time of the proclamation; on arrears of land tax and tax on houses for the county of Oxford; on a complaint against the receiver of York, with relation to remittances [his predecessor has never taken less than 5*s*. per cent., and sometimes more]; and on the dissolution of the establishment for the duties on hides, whereby they have not been in a capacity to receive salary upon any branches of the revenues under their management since Midsummer.
This is *minuted*:—"Agreed to, 24th Dec^{r}. My Lords will settle the Establishm^{t} of this office on Thursday." 14 *pages*.

6. Letters connected with the Victualling Office, viz., as to the debt; the victualling of the garrisons of Placentia and Annapolis; money for the agent at Copenhagen to buy provisions for the Baltic Squadron; warehouse room at Rotherhithe for salt; M^{r} Conduit and provisions for Gibraltar; and Bills for supply of wine and oil for the Mediterranean Squadron. 24 *pages*.

7. Four papers as to the debt and expenses of the Board of Works. 5 *pages*.

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DOCUMENTS for which a brief description suffices.

Date.	Description of Document.	From	To	Purport.
4 Jan.	1. Letter - -	Lord Sunderland -	Lords of the Treasury.	For a tun of wine, Custom free, to be delivered to Mons. Wesselowsky, the Czar of Muscovy's resident. *Minuted*: — "8th Janry. 1717–18. The Comrs. of Customes give directions for allow'ces of this kind themselves without directions from this board." 1 *page, quarto*.
7 Jan.	2. Memorial -	Thomas Moore -	Do. - -	Submits form for the debentures for clearing the services late under his care. *Minuted*: — "10th Jan. 1717–18. This is to be done in the [same] manner as Ld. Carnarvon's." 1 *page*.

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[About 8 Jan.]	3. Petition -	William Gwynn -	Lords of the Treasury.	For a new patent for changing the name of his brother to that of the petitioner's son, as customer of Cardiff. *Minuted:*—"10th March 1717. Upon their surrender to be enrolled in Chancery, prepare a fiat." Also the resignation of Richard Gwynn in favour of the son. 3 *pages*.
[? About 9 Jan.]	4. Do. - -	David Ellis, late a waterman to the Custom House, London.	Do. -	Prays to be heard and restored to his place. *Minuted:*—"9th January 1717–18. Read." 1 *page*.
[? About 9 Jan.]	5. Do. -	William Lantrow -	Do. - -	Prays to continue as Deputy Comptroller, with some additional salary. With a recommendation by Lord Carteret. 2 *pages*.
11 Jan.	6. Letter - -	J. Craggs - -	Secretaries of the Treasury.	Encloses reports from Comrs. for examining Debts due to the army. *Docqueted:*—"For money to be impressed to Mr. Joseph Stanwix to carry on prosecutions relating to Chelsea Hospital." [The reports are not enclosed, but there is a letter which answers to the above docquet.] 2 *pages*.
15 Jan.	7. Warrant -	Lords of the Treasury.	Edward Harley, Esq., Auditor of Imprests.	For allowance of salaries and incidents of Comrs. for Duties on Salt, mentioned in the Auditor's report preceding the warrant. 5 *pages*.
16 Jan.	8. Memorial -	Lambert de Graaff, Page of his Majesty's Bedchamber Extraordinary.	Lords of the Treasury.	Prays for the same payment as the pages in ordinary have, viz., 80*l*. per ann. salary, and 40*l*. per ann. livery money. *Minuted:*—"16th January 1717–18. Order'd. Warrt. sign'd. 23d Janry. 1717–18." 1 *page*.
17 Jan.	9. Letter - -	Wm. Popple (Trade and Plantations).	Wm. Lowndes, Esq.	Touching the exportation of silver and the balance of trade. 1¼ *pages*.
1 Feb.	10. Memorial -	Thomas Corbin, tobacco merchant.	Lords of the Treasury.	Prays that he may be set at liberty, so that he may see to settling his account, he being jointly bound for 29,000*l*. to the Crown. *Minuted:*—"4 April 1718. Ref. to Commrs. Customs, and to hasten their report." 1 *page*.

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5 Feb.	11. Letter -	John Lansdell for Board of Ordnance.	Lords of the Treasury.	For directions to be given for payment of 2,343*l.* 14*s.* 6*d.* out of the $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. in the Exchequer for stores of war for the Leeward Islands. 1 *page, quarto.*
8 Feb.	12. Do. -	Lords Justices -	Lord Lieutenant -	For a royal letter, to be obtained from the English Treasury, for the issue of 820*l.* for the clothing of the State officers in Ireland. 1 *page.*
11 Feb.	13. Do. -	Thomas Woolley, secretary to the East India Co.	William Lowndes, Esq.	Shipment of garrison stores to their settlements. 1 *page.*
14 Feb.	14. Do. -	Lord Sunderland -	Edw. Young, Esq., of the Board of Works.	For payment of expenses of John Vat, who was employed in transporting the Palatines back to Germany. *Minuted:* — "6th March 1717. Ref. to Mr. Colby." 1 *page.*
15 Feb.	15. Do. -	Do. -	Lords of the Treasury.	Sends packets and letters, relating to illegal trade, seized on a ship pretended to be bound to Copenhagen, but really for Sweden. Also petition and memorial. $3\frac{1}{2}$ *pages.*
16 Feb.	16. Do. -	John Grist - -	Edw. Young, Esq., of the Board of Works.	As to repairs of lodges in the New Forest. 1 *page.*
17 Feb.	17. Do. -	Robert Birkett -	Do. - -	For a tidesman's place. 1 *page.*
[? About 17 Feb.]	18. Petition -	Clerks of the Mint in the Tower of London.	Do. - -	For an increase of salary when there is a new indenture of the Mint. *Minuted:* — "Febry. 17 1717. The indre. is sign'd and passed or passing. The petn. is rejected." 1 *page.*
20 Feb.	19. Memorial -	Surveyor-General of Woods (Edw. Young).	Lords of the Treasury.	As to repairs, &c. of lodges in St. James's Park. Dated Hyde Park. $1\frac{1}{2}$ *pages.*
[? About 25 Feb.]	20. Petition -	Michael Broughton, Accountant, for Miles Granger, late Recr. of Land Revenue in N. Wales and the co. of Chester.	Do. - -	For allowance of a surplusage of 104*l.* 12*s.* $10\frac{1}{4}$*d.* Also a certificate. $1\frac{1}{2}$ *pages.*
26 Feb.	21. Letter -	Lord Sunderland -	Do. - -	As to arrears due to the Danes, for services in the late war. 1 *page, quarto.*

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1 March	22. Affidavit and certificate.	William John, gent., Under Sheriff of Exeter.	—	As to payment of 80*l.* for rewards for convicting two housebreakers. *Minuted :* — "Prepare a warrant." 2 *pages.*
[? About 3 March.]	23. Memorial	Thomas Meysey, Surveyor of Hawkers and Pedlars in the North of England.	Lords of the Treasury.	For a deputation to seize goods liable to forfeiture. *Minuted :*—"3 Mar. 1717–18. To Commrs. Cust." ½ *page.*
8 March	24. Do.	Alexr. Abercrombie	Do.	In favour of James Ogilvie, Controller at Wigtoun, for better employment. *Minuted :* — "14th April 1718. My Lords have enter'd a minute in his favour already." Copies of three other papers on the same subject. 2 *pages.*
8 March	25. Letter	Tho. Woolley, Secretary (East India Co.)	Hon. William Lowndes, Esq.	As to shipping garrison stores free of duty. 1 *page.*
13 March	26. Do.	Lord Sunderland	Lords of the Treasury.	For directions to pay Lord Cadogan money expended for the public service. *Minuted :*—"22d March. Prepare a S.M. for this mo. to defray the like sum by him disbursed by his Mats. particular order in the year 1717. Wt. signed." 1 *page, quarto.*
14 March	27. Report ad petition.	T. Foley, Auditor of Imprests.	Do.	On petition of agents for the tin contract for Cornwall, for their expenses. 2 *pages.*
[? About 14 March.]	28. Memorial	John Orde, Esq., late Conservator of the Forest of Deane.	Do.	For arrears of his pay. 1 *page.*
14 March	29. Letter	Lord Sunderland	Do.	On the account of extraordinary disbursements made by Mr. Leathes, H.M. Resident at Brussels. *Minuted :*—"8 May 1718. Ordered. Warrt. sign'd 27th." 1 *page, quarto.*
18 March	30. Representation	Comrs. for Taxes	Do.	Recommend Mr. Herbert Pelham to be appointed Surveyor of the Duties on Houses for Essex, instead of Mr Carter. *Minuted :* — "28th April 1719. Prepare a comic'on to restore Carter. Calender (for whom a comic'on was signed), to be a riding officer on the coast of Kent and Sussex." 1 *page.*

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18 March	31. Certificate -	—	—	Delivery to the Duke of Bolton, Lord Chamberlain of the Household, of certain plate. 1 *page.*
25 March	32. Memorial and memorandum.	Comrs. for disbanding Marines.	—	For directions to Sir Roger Mostyn to pay the remains of their salaries and incidents. *Minuted* :—" 19th March 1717–18. Prepare a warrt. directing Sir Roger Mostyn to pay to the late Commrs. for disbanding marines the within-menc'oned sum of 707*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.*" 1 *page.*
26 March	33. Account -	—	—	Wages and board wages due to the Rt. Hon. John, Earl Poulett. 1 *page.*
27 March	34. Letter - -	Tho. Woolley, Secretary to East India Company.	Hon. William Lowndes, Esq.	To make an appointment for the Directors of the United East India Company to wait on the Lords of the Treasury. 1 *page.*
28 March	35. Memorial -	Brigadier Henry Moryson.	Lords of the Treasury.	For payment of allowance for providing the regiment with colours, and the drummers with cloths in the King's livery. *Minuted* :—" 28th March 1718. Direct the comptrollers to certifie all the precedents that my Lords may lay the same before the King, with their opinion." 1 *page.*
[? About 9 April.]	36. Petition -	Gerald FitzGerald and John Jenings, Under Clerks of the House of Peers.	Do. - -	For the same allowance as the under clerks of the House of Commons. *Minuted* : — " 9th Aprill 1718. Read and Refused." 1 *page.*
[? About 9 April.]	37. Memorial -	Sir Thomas Travell -	Do. - -	For payment of respits due to his son, Capt. Travell, who died in Portugal. Two other papers relating thereto. *Minuted* :—" 9 April 1718. He has rec'ed 133*l.* 12*s.* 4*d.* already in full of all demands, so that my Lords can proceed no further." 3 *pages.*
[? About 9 April.]	38. Petition -	Obed. Smith - -	Do. - -	For a warrant to discharge him from a liability of 34*l.* to the Stamp Office. *Minuted* : — " 9th April 1718. Ref. to Commrs. Stamps." 1 *page.*

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[? About 9 April.]	39. Petition -	Eliza Brooks, widow	The King - -	For restoration of the pension of 20 guineas per annum, granted to her by the late Queen, her husband having served the Royal family 47 years in the moving wardrobe. *Minuted:* — "9th April 1718. Rejected." 1 *page.*
[? About 9 April.]	40. Do. -	Isaac Dalais - -	Lords of the Treasury.	For payment of his arrears, having resided at the Court of Hanover, as the late Queen's secretary, from Christmas 1713 to 1 Aug. 1714. *Minuted:* — "9th April 1718. To be considered with the other demands of this kind." 1 *page.*
15 April	41. Memorial -	Comrs. for Debts to Scotland by way of equivalent.	Do. - -	For consideration of their memorial and payment of the allowances claimed. *Minuted:* — "29th April 1718. Order'd." 1 *page.*
18 April	42. Letter - -	J. Craggs - -	Do. - -	For licence of absence for Mr. Robert Arbuthnott, one of the Auditors of the Exchequer in Scotland, to attend the Earl of Stair, H.M. Ambassador at the Court of France. *Minuted:*—"He hath leave of absence from my Lds. accordingly." 1 *page, quarto.*
29 April	43. Do. -	James Stevenson -	—	As to his having the place of Mr. Bowen, and it being a supernumerary employment. 1 *page, quarto.*
[? About 2 May.]	44. Petition -	James Thurkettle -	Lords of the Treasury.	For a messengership in the Exchequer. *Minuted:*—"2d May 1718. Mr. Barret, the messenger, to attend my Lords as soon as he comes to town." 1 *page, quarto.*
[? About 2 May.]	45. Memorial -	William, Earl of Dartmouth.	Do.	For an arrear of 645*l.*, due to him as Keeper of her late Majesty's Privy Seal. *Minuted:*—"2d May 1718. To be read when my Lord Sunderland is present. 16 July 1718. To be considered with other debts of the Queen." 1 *page.*
12 May	46. Warrant -	Duke of Bolton -	Master of the Great Wardrobe.	For 12 colours for the regiment of foot of Lieut.-Genl. Seymore. 1 *page.*

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13 May	47. Letter - -	Lord Stanhope -	Lords of the Treasury.	For 50*l.* to be paid to Dn. Bernado Moron to go to Vienna. 1 *page.*
20 May	48. Do., and account.	J. Craggs - -	Do. - -	For the Receiver-General of the Royal Revenues of Minorca to repay the Board of Ordnance at Minorca the charge of bedding provided for four regiments ordered to be transported thither. *Minuted:* — "21st May 1718. Prepare a warrt. to the recr. genll. of the revenues of Minorca to repay this sum to the Board of Ordnance." 2 *pages.*
[? About 27 May.]	49. Memorial -	John Barrett, one of the four messengers of the Exchequer.	Do. - -	In favour of Tho. Thurkettle as his deputy. *Minuted:* — "27th May 1718. Approved." 1 *page, quarto.*
[? About 11 June.]	50. Petition -	John Baskett, and others, his Majesty's printers.	Do. - -	For present payment of the last year's bill. *Minuted:* — "11th June 1718. P'pare a warrt. for 1,691*l.* 18*s.* 3*d.*" 1 *page.*
[? About 18 June.]	51. Memorial -	Charles Mason -	Do. - -	For a warrant for the charges of poundage given to sheriffs for collecting moneys due to the Crown upon "levare facies." *Minuted:*—"18 June 1718. My Lords will, upon Mr. Mason's paying 1,500*li.* into ye Exchequer, allow him the sheriffs poundage in his accompt. as paymar. of ye transports." 1 *page, quarto.*
[? About 24 June.]	52. Do. -	Mr. John Offley -	Do. - -	Proposals as to the payment of a debt due to the Crown, the sale of his estate, &c. *Minuted:* — "My Lords accept the second proposall." 2 *pages.*
[24 June]	53. Accounts -	—	—	Tradesmen's bills in the Office of the Great Wardrobe. Also moneys due in the Office of the Great Wardrobe. Ladyday and Midsummer 1718. 15 *pages.*
27 June	54. Letter -	Robert Compeer -	The Hon. Charles Stanhope, Esq.	Waits for a land-waiter's or coast-waiter's place at Bristol. 1 *page.*

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8 July	55. Report and Affidavit.	A. Cracherode -	Lords of the Treasury.	As to the debts of Mr. Ralph Bethel. 2 *pages.*
[? About 10 July.]	56. Memorial -	Capt. Edward Hall -	First Lord of the Treasury.	For a warrant for 5*s.* a day to him as captain-commandant of Tinmouth. *Minuted:* — "10th July 1718. His papers to be read when Mr. Sloper is here." 1 *page.*
25 July	57. Letter - -	Duke of Bolton -	Lords of the Treasury.	As to a pension granted out of the concordatum money to the widow Phillips. Recommends 30*l.* per annum. Dover Street, 25 July 1718. *Minuted:*—"To be translated & layd before ye K." 1 *page.*
[? About 30 July.]	58. Memorial -	Major-General Davenport.	Do. - -	For an order to the Comrs. of Customs for passing, duty free, about 1,000 oz. of wrought plate when he goes to his command in Ireland. *Minuted:* — "30th July 1718. The dutys on exportation of plate are appropriated by several Acts of Parliament which my Lords cannot dispense with. The plate delivered to Foreign Ministers, being his Maties. own, makes the case different from this." 1 *page.*
30 July	59. Letter - -	Ro. Pringle, [for] Secretary-at-War.	Secretaries to the Treasury.	With list of retired officers of land forces, and marines entitled to half-pay. *Minuted:* — "6th August 1718. My Lords have no objection. Send it to the Secy.-at-War to procure the King's hand to it." 1 *page.*
2 Aug.	60. Memorial and Certificate.	Alexander Pendarvis, Esq.	Lords of the Treasury.	For payment of 103*l.* 0*s.* 3¼*d.* due to him as Surveyor-General at the demise of her late Majesty. 2 *pages.*
[? About 13 Aug.]	61. Petition -	Thomas Wight, Cornet in the late regiment of horse, commanded by the Lord Ashburnham.	The King - -	To be re-established in his half pay. *Minuted:* — "13th Augt. 1718. Rejected." 1 *page.*
[? About 13 Aug.]	62. Do. -	Edw. Wharton, Recr. of the Revenue from Hackney Coaches and Chairs.	Lords of the Treasury.	For additional salary. *Minuted:* — "13th Augt. 1718. To be considered at a full board. 14th Augt. 1718. My Lords think the present salary sufficient." 1 *page.*

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[? About 13 Aug.]	63. Petition -	Samuel Taylor, one of the messengers of the Great Chamber to the late Queen Anne.	Lords of the Treasury.	For payment of an arrear for salary, &c. Also certificate, dated 13 Aug. 1718. 2 *pages.*
15 Aug.	64. Letter (copy)	Ro. Pringle (Secretary-at-War's department).	Charles Stanhope, Esq.	As to extra pay to Mr. Hughes, the Judge Advocate. 1 *page.*
1 Oct.	65. Certificate -	Lord Halifax - -	—	Produce of the funds on lottery, 1714, from Lady-day 1718 to Michaelmas following. 1 *page.*
22 Oct.	66. Letter - -	William Lowndes -	Officers of Ordnance.	For repayment of their taxes as well as those of their inferior officers. 1 *page.*
23 Oct.	67. Do. - -	J. Craggs - -	Lords of the Treasury.	As to the transportation of regiments to Ireland. The affair requires the utmost dispatch. *Minuted:* — "28th Oct. 1718. Mr. Colby to bring an Est. to-morrow morning." 2 *pages.*
5 Nov.	68. Do. - -	J. Hancock - -	Do. - -	For payment of a quarter's salary to the Rt. Hon. Wm. Earl of Cadogan, as Master of the Robes, and to the under officers. 1 *page.*
8 Nov.	69. Do. -	J. Craggs - -	Do - -	Sends report on the state of an arrear due to the Prince of Oost Friesland, upon account of his regiment whilst in the joint service of Great Britain and the States-General. 1 *page.*
[? About 18 Nov.]	70. Petition and certificate,	Mary Simans, widow of Walter Simans, page of the presence to the late Queen, when Princess of Denmark.	The Hon. Walter Chetwynd, Esq., Paymaster of H.M. pensions and bounties.	For continuance of her pension, which she had for 23 years. Is near 80 years old. Certif. dated 18 Nov. 1718. 2 *pages.*
18 Nov.	71. Letter - -	Lord Stanhope -	Lords of the Treasury.	For 1,000*l.* to be lodged with the Treasurer of the Chamber to defray the expense of the messengers sent abroad. Whitehall, 18 Nov. 1718. Also a memorandum or reminder on the same subjects. 1 *page* 5 *lines.*
3 Dec.	72. Letter and memorial,	J. Craggs - -	Mr. Lowndes -	Encloses memorial of his friend John Cooke, Esq., and thinks he has been hardly dealt with at the Custom House. 2 *pages.*

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[About 22 Dec.]	73. Petition and affidavit.	Mary Austin, widow of John Austin, deceased.	The Hon. Walter Chetwynd, Esq., Paymaster of H.M. pensions.	Her husband was several years one of the late Queen's coachmen. Prays for continuance of her pension of 8*l.* a year. 2 *pages.*
Dec.	74. Petition -	Windom Tomson and Clifton Tomson, his brother.	Do. - -	Pray for the continuance of their pension of 10*l.* a year a piece, their father, when a cornet of horse, having been killed at the battle of Hoxtet [*i.e.,* Hochstett.] 1 *page.*
[? 1718.]	75. Do. -	Nicholas Wade of London, citizen and leatherseller.	Lords of the Treasury.	Prays to succeed George Lloyd, a coastwaiter, in case he should die, he being dangerously ill. Also two recommendations of him, signed. *Minuted* :—"2d. Janry. 1718. To succeed upon a proper vacancy of about 40^{li} per ann." 2 *pages.*
[After 1718.]	76. Memorial	Major-Genl. Montolieu, *alias* St. Hypolite, Brigadier Sausin, Abraham Bodens, Esq., and Mr. Boisrond.	The Rt. Hon. Mr. Secretary Stanhope.	For pensions or augmentation of pensions. *Minuted* :—"Wts. signed." 1 *page.*

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[In or before 1719.] 1. Petition of George, L^{d} Dupplin to the Lords of the Treasury. James Hay, Earl of Carlisle, having acquired the Caribbee Islands, and particularly the Island of Barbadoes, King Charles I., by letters patent of 3 Car. I., granted those islands to the Earl and his heirs, with a power to make laws with the consent of the inhabitants, and to charge them with any duties, and with an immunity from customs in England or Ireland for 10 years; but the King being desirous that this immunity should be superseded, the Earl surrendered the same. In consideration whereof, and the Earl having planted the Island, the King, by letters pat. of 4 Car. I., granted to the Earl all the subsidies and customs on goods imported or exported, to or from the Islands, by which grant and a reserved rent of 40 lbs. of cotton a head, from every inhabitant "of the said Island," a great revenue became payable to the Earl.

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Upon the Restoration, the inhabitants of Barbadoes applied to his Majesty to have the Island taken from a subject, and vested in the Crown. The Earl of Kinnoul, to whom the same belonged, being unwilling to contest a jurisdiction with the King, surrendered the patents.

King Charles II., being thus entitled to the profits of the Island, the then Governor of Barbadoes, with the consent of the inhabitants, by an Act of Assembly, dated 12 Sept. 1663, in consideration that the King had purchased the patents, and of their being discharged for the future from payment of the 40 lbs. of cotton a head, granted a duty of 4½ per cent. in specie of all commodities exported from the Island.

Whereupon King Charles II., in pursuance of a former contract made with the Earl of Kinnoul, and in consideration of the surrender of his right, by letters pat. of 12 July in the 24th of his reign, granted to the earl an annuity of 600*l.* per ann. for five years, and after that time an annuity of 1,000*l.* per ann. to him and his heirs for ever, to be received at the Exchequer out of the duty of 4½ per cent. By this surrender a great advantage accrued to the Crown, the duty amounting to 8,000*l.* per ann. The title to this annuity being in Thomas, now Earl of Kinnoul, he conveyed it to his son George, Lord Dupplin, for life, with divers remainders over. Prays directions that the annuity may be paid.

Signed :—"Dupplin."

[Undated, but Thomas, Earl of Kinnoul, died in 1719, and George Henry was his son.] 2 *pages*.

[? 1719.] 2. Memorial of the Duke of Marlborough to the Lords of the Treasury, touching the taxes due and in arrear, which have been assessed on the lands and possessions at Windsor, Winckfield, Clewer, and Sunninghill, that accrued to the Crown by purchase, and are laid in to his Majesty's parks at Windsor. Craves allowance of 544*l.* 14*s.* 1 *page*.

[After 1718.] 3. Memorial of John Haldane, Collector of Customs at Prestonpans, in North Britain, to the Lords of the Treasury. In May 1718, the surveyor and other officers of Customs of the port of Prestonpans were violently assaulted and wounded by a mob at North Berwick, excited by George Hog, merchant there; the officers having seized several considerable parcels of uncustomed and prohibited goods belonging to the said George. A warrant was obtained for the apprehension of the persons concerned, and the sister of George Hog, who was the principal person in the riot, was apprehended. Memorialist, and those who went with him to the house, were prosecuted for their lives, before the Court of Justiciary at Edinburgh, at the instance of George Hog, upon an obsolete law, against a crime called "Hainesucken," that is, the entering any man's house or ship with arms. Memorialist was absolved from prosecution by the judge. In December last, memorialist and others, for endeavouring forcibly to arrest goods on board a ship in the road of Prestonpans, incurred another criminal prosecution, under the same law, before the Court

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1719. of Admiralty at Edinburgh, and a jury picked out to sit on them, consisting of merchants who are the most notorious of all in that country for running goods. Gives particulars of the indictment, and complains of the discouragement to all the officers of the Customs by these prosecutions. 3 *pages.*

[? After 1718.] 4. Memorial of H.M. Solicitor for Scotland, on behalf of the Crown, to the Honble the Comrs and Trustees appointed to inquire of the estates of certain traitors, and dispose of them by sale for the use of the public, &c. The solicitor laid claim, on behalf of the Crown, to the penalties of single and life rent escheats of the late Earl Marshal and others fallen to his Majesty by their contempt in not appearing before the Lords of Justiciary in obedience to the several charges given them for that effect. (Copy.) 7 *pages.*

[After 1718.] 5. The case of the Corporation of Dunwich, with respect to the rent payable to the Crown. States that the lands in the town chargeable with the rent of 65*l.* a year, payable by the town (being a very sandy coast) by great inundations, are washed into the sea; and the port thereof, where ships used to come and pay anchorage, tunnage, tollage, and other duties towards the payment of the rent, is utterly destroyed, and the town exceedingly poor; and, therefore, the rent has been by several succeeding reigns reduced, and King Charles II., reduced it to 5*l.*, and this was granted to his Queen Catharine as part of her jointure. This was in arrear after the King's death, and the Sheriff of Suffolk in 1718, by virtue of the "*long writ*" out of the Treasurer's Remembrancer's Office, took the bailiffs and 10 aldermen and other freemen of the town in execution to Beccles gaol. Upon their application to the Court of Exchequer, and after production of the grants, letters patent, &c., and after much debate on the words, "*de firm. ville sue,*" the court declared that the writ was ill-executed by the sheriff, and that the corporation and not the members in their persons or private capacities, are liable to pay the debt; and that the sheriff held them in prison at his own peril, so the sheriff immediately discharged them all by order of Court without paying any fees.

Note.—"The five pounds p annm has been yearly paid to the Crown till within these five years, the corporation conceiving they had paid in full discharge of the whole, tho' they have a discharge for no more than the five pounds p annũ paid as aforesaid." 1 *page.*

1719. 6. "Proposall by the proprietors of the suggar manufactorys in Scotland to the Barons of Exchequer, 1719," viz., to surrender all their exemptions from Customs and Excise, on condition of being acquitted from the claims of the Crown against them for Customs and Excise, and receiving what further equivalent the Lords of the Treasury thought they deserved. 1 *page.*

Beginning of 1719. 7. New Year's gifts and other annual dues for the Secretaries and Clerks of the Treasury, 1718–19. 4 *pages, quarto.*

9 Jan. 8. Report of the Attorney-General (Lechmere) to the Lords of the Treasury, concerning the grant made by his Majesty to Mr

Benson, of the office of surveyor of his works, and on certain claims raised by him under that grant. Is of opinion that the grant is local and restrained to the works in the Tower of London, and the honors, castles, lordships, and manors usually reserved for his Majesty's repair and abode, and cannot be extended to the manor of Portland. Whatever has been transacted at that place, arose out of the building of S^{t} Paul's. The care which Sir Christopher Wren took in any respect relating to Portland, arose naturally and properly as an additional service, as he was both Surveyor and Com^{r} for rebuilding S^{t} Paul's. The office of Surveyor is, from its nature, and cannot be otherwise, subordinate to the Treasury. 9 Jan. 1718.

Minuted :—"13 February 1718. Read and approved."

Accompanied by the case submitted to the Attorney-General. 9 *pages and* 2 *parts.*

10 Jan. 9. Report of the Board of Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury on the report and representation of the late Board of Works, relating to the fitting up of some rooms in the White Tower for a repository for the records of Chancery. Have of late years been much straitened for store room in the Tower, and have laid out near 5,000*l.* since his Majesty's accession, in repairing this ancient large building. One of the rooms proposed is the Sword Office for sea service, and the other for match. But as these stores must be lodged in the Tower, room must be made for them, by sending others to Woolwich, where houses must be built. Hope if any part is appropriated for the records, they shall not be dispossessed (after having laid out so much money), till they are reimbursed. As to the powder lodged there, it was formerly a magazine for above 1,200 barrels, even while the records were there. Whereas of late there has not been above 60 or 70 barrels, and those in the dungeon. Office of Ordnance, 10 Jan. 1718–19. 1½ *pages.*

13 Jan. 10. Quarterly Bill of the Trustees for sale of the Forfeited Estates from 24 March 1717 to the 24th June 1718. Dated 13 Jan. 1718. 1 *double page.*

15 Jan. 11. Letter of the Com^{rs} and Trustees for Forfeited Estates in Scotland, to the Lords of the Treasury, enclosing copy of their report to the House [? of Commons]. 15 Jan. 1718-19.

The report referred to of the Com^{rs} who were appointed by two Acts of Parliament, the one made in the first year of the King's reign, (entitled an Act for appointing Com^{rs} to enquire of the estates of certain traitors, and of popish recusants, and of estates given to superstitious uses), and the other made in the 4th year of the reign, entitled an Act for vesting the forfeited estates in Great Britain and Ireland in trustees, to be sold for the use of the public, and for giving relief to lawful creditors, &c. The Com^{rs} and trustees required by their precepts the balances thereof to be paid into the Exchequer for Scotland, amounting to 22,573*l.* 18*s.* 8¼*d.* The first person who expressly refused to comply was M^{r} Walter

Sterling, writer in Edinburgh, factor appointed by the Lords of Session on the estate of Keir. The Com^{rs} did not allow his excuse, but had not yet prosecuted him, which had induced many others to refuse payment. Some more efficient method should be provided. The Com^{rs} reviewed the claims which had been entered before them, amounting in number to 2,929, and summoned several of the claimants before them, and passed decrees thereon, as far as the time allowed. Also sent out their surveyor, &c. to survey the real estates of certain traitors, &c., and to seize, appraise, &c. their personal estates, amounting yearly to 40,153*l.* 8*s.* 10$\frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{4}$*d.* On these they observe (1) that several superior vassals, &c, in Scotland, by virtue of the Act 1 Geo. [I.] for encouraging superiors, &c., have entered into possession of very considerable parts of the forfeited estates, and retain possession thereof, without any judgment or determination of the extent of their rights ; and there is no method appointed for judging of their rights ; (2) there are difficulties arising partly from the diversity of the laws of Scotland from those of England, concerning the rights of the creditors of forfeiting persons, &c ; (3) have subjoined memorials given to them by counsel for claimants on personal rights, and inform the House that they have yet passed but one decree, which is on behalf of the Bank of Scotland for the sum of 500*l.* due to the bank on a bond of the late Earl of Southesque. 8 *pages.*

15 Jan. 12. Report of the Controllers of the accounts of the Army (Medows and Bruce) to the Lords of the Treasury, upon a representation of Col. Kane, Lieut.-Governor of Minorca, complaining of the disadvantages that garrison lies under as compared with the troops in England, on account of the foreign specie, in which they are paid their subsistence. Find the representation to be true. Recommend that they be paid their subsistence in dollars at 4*s.* 6*d.* each. Comptroller's Office, 15 Jan. 1718–19.

Minuted :—" 12th March 1718–19. Order'd." 3 *pages.*

20 Jan. 13. Memorial to the Lords of the Treasury of the Surveyor and Auditor-General (Walpole) of the revenues arising in America, in his Majesty's islands, colonies, or plantations there. As it may happen during the continuance of the present war with Spain, that several prizes may be taken from the Spaniards by his Majesty's subjects, and brought into the ports of the said islands, &c., prays that on the appointments of Receivers of Prizes, they may (by a clause in their constitutions) be required to account to him or his deputy for inspection and audit. 20 Jan. 1718–19.

Minuted :—" Agreed to." 1$\frac{1}{4}$ *pages.*

22 Jan. 14. A particular of the causes now under prosecution with states thereof. Signed, " A. Cracherode." 22 Jan. 1718. 9 *pages.*

22 Jan. 15. Letter from the Lord. Lieut. of Ireland (Bolton) to the Lords of the Treasury. Has lately approved of Capt. Richard Borough's

purchasing the employment of Town Major of Dublin, to whom, by the name of Desherbiers (for his services and wounds), King William granted a pension of 5s. per day upon the Establishment of Ireland. The Capt. represents that he finds difficulties in getting his pension paid on account of the oath required of all pensioners that they are not otherwise provided for by his Majesty. Recommends him as a proper object for his Majesty's favour to have the pension continued by a new warrant. Dover Street, 22 Jan. 1718–19.

Copy of the same.

Minuted:—" Warr^{t} signd 18th March."

The memorial referred to. Capt. Borough had served in the last war in Ireland, in Flanders, and on the Rhine, where he lost an arm. 3¼ *pages.*

[About 23 Jan.] 16. Proposal of Thomas Highmore, " serjeant painter," and three others, to the Lords of the Treasury, viz., that as they had seen an intended contract between Benj^{n} Jackson and others, and their Lordships for the ordinary repairs of H.M. palaces, &c. for four years at 12,000*l.* per ann., they would perform the same at 8,000*l.*

R. 23 Jan. 1718–19.

The Minute ordering this proposal to be put in writing is entered in the *Minute Book*, Vol. 22, p. 137. 1 *page.*

[After 26 Jan.] 17. " Answer from Tho. Rowland, Clerk of the Works of Windsor [Castle], to the Surveyor's charge."

The charges against him were for not accounting for old stores and materials, wrong entries in his accounts, &c., and many of them were made by one Wyeth, a discharged labourer. 7 *pages.*

[After 27 Jan.] 18. (1.) List taken by M^{r} Edwards, in Lord Onslow's office of Lottery Contributions, anno 1718–19.

[Pursuant to the Treasury Letter of 23 Jan. 1718.]

The names are arranged alphabetically, with the sums opposite.

(2.) List of the names taken by the Rt. Honble. the Lord Torrington (one of the four tellers of the Exchequer) to the amount of 10,000*l.* in the ensuing Lottery, pursuant to the direction of the Lords of the Treasury, signified by Charles Stanhope, Esq., 24th of January 1718.

(3.) Names taken as contributors to the ensuing lottery by Lanc. Burton, in the office of the Rt. Hon. Thomas, Lord Torrington. Exchequer, 27 Jan. 1718. 9 *pages.*

28 Jan. 19. Petition of Lieut. David Delacour, in the Earl of " Gallaway's " late Spanish regiment of foot, to the Lords of the Treasury. Has been a prisoner for five years in the Fleet Prison, and is still there. Is apprehensive of palsy, and a complication of other distempers, caused by wounds. 200*l.* 3*s* 1*d.* are due to petitioner for payments to prisoners and for his own pay. The affair lies before M^{r} Auditor Harley much neglected, and by that means petitioner is likely to

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perish in prison; prays that his case may be represented to his Majesty for a particular warrant for his charges. Fleet Prison, 28 Jan. 1718–19.

Minuted:—"Read 9 May 1719." 1 *page.*

31 Jan. 20. Memorial of the late Principal Comr of Prizes to the Lords of the Treasury for relief to be afforded to the agents who were appointed at Lisbon, Genoa, Leghorn, Barcelona, &c., and in the West Indies; who transmitted their accounts to the Prize Office in London, containing the whole produce of each ship, and a particular account of all the incident charges laid out by them thereon. When not obliged to pay the captors abroad, they remitted the net proceeds in bills or otherwise to England, the difficulties they were under preventing them from sending regular vouchers for the incident charges. Prays that directions may be given to the Auditors of Imprests that the accounts of the foreign agents may be passed. 31 Jan. 1718.

Referred to the auditors for their report thereon. 2 *pages.*

6 Feb. 21. Schedules of the sums (1) "Paid several persons as of his Mats Royall bounty between Midsmr 1715 and 6th February 1718–19."

The largest sum was 5,000*l.* to John, Earl of Stair, for his services as Ambassador to the most Christian King. The total is 51,308*l.* 0*s.* 5*d.*

(2.) "To several forreign ministers for their extraordinary disbursemts exceeding the regulation;" for the same period. Total, 27,479*l.* 17*s.* 5*d.*

(3.) "Out of his [Majesty's] Civil List revenues on occasion of the late rebellion;" for the same period.

Among the sums is 500*l.* to Major James Stewart, for coming express from the Duke of Argyle with an account of the rebels having abandoned Perth; and another 500*l.* to Sir Thomas Harrison, Knt., for coming express from the Duke with an account of the victory obtained over the rebels in Scotland, near Dumblain. 8 *pages.*

11 Feb. 22. Report of the Officers of the Mint (Wm. Thompson and Sir Is. Newton) to the Lords of the Treasury, on the bill of Mr James Gerard, chief engraver of his Majesty's seals. Find that the Prince of Wales, when guardian of the kingdom, had directed the making of the several seals mentioned, and they were delivered to the Duke of Roxburgh for the use of Scotland. On comparison of the work with former seals, they find it to be good, and in no way inferior. But there is an overcharge of 10*l.* in the privy seal for North Britain, which sum ought to be deducted, and likewise 40*s.* for making drafts of several seals, for the allowance of which there is no precedent. Mint Office, 11 Feb. 1718.

The account or bill referred to, setting out a minute description of the seals.

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Minuted:—"4th June 1719. My Lords agree to the rept allowing Mr Gerard the 10li craved by him for the pr. seal in Scotl. Warrt signd 2d July 1719." 3 *pages*.

12 Feb. 23. Declaratory deed by the Hon. Robert Johnson, Esq., Governor, Captain General, Admiral, and Commander-in-Chief of that part of Carolina that is south and west of Cape Fear. On the 12th of February 1718, Thomas Hepworth of Charlestown, and Robert Hume of the same place, gentlemen, came before him and made oath that they saw John Mason, Quartermaster and Agent to the Mediterranean galley's company, and Joseph Harrison, Quartermaster and Agent for the company belonging to the ship King William, John Masters, Commander of the sloop Revenge, and John Smith, Quartermaster and Agent for the sloop Revenge's company, Fayrer Hall, Commander of the sloop Sea Nymph, and John Howard, Quartermaster and Agent for the same sloop, sign a deed poll, purporting to be a power of attorney for themselves and others to receive from the Treasury the sums due by the King's proclamation, for apprehending pirates on account of taking a pirate sloop named the New York's Revenge, and the ship New York Revenge's Revenge *alias* the Eagle. They also saw the said Mason sign a certificate annexed, purporting to be a certificate of the number of officers and men belonging to the Mediterranean galley, at the time of seizing the pirate ship, New York's Revenge and the pirate ship, New York Revenge's Revenge *alias* the Eagle. They also saw Joseph Harrison sign the certificate annexed, purporting to be a certificate of the number of officers and men belonging to the ship King William at the time of seizing the above-named pirate sloops, and also the schedule thereto. They also testify to other similar subscriptions. The Governor Johnson also testifies to his appointment of the captains to the prize ships, &c. Dated 12 February 1718.

Also the power of attorney, and the three certificates and schedules referred to. 16 *pages, brief size, the first page much faded.*

[After 13 Feb.] 24. An account of the several persons standing in debt to the revenue on salt in Hilary Term, 1718, and the proceedings that have been made against them, and what has been recovered. [Hilary Term, ended 13 Feb.] 6½ *pages.*

16 Feb. 25. Letter from the Receivers of the duty of 6*d.* per month out of seamen's wages for the hospital at Greenwich, to the Secretary of the Admiralty, enclosing a letter from the collector of the same duty in Ireland, acquainting him with the difficulty of making the collection, and making suggestions thereon. Receiver's Office, 16 Feb. 1718. 2¼ *pages.*

19 Feb. 26. Excise Comrs, Scotland, to the Lords of the Treasury. By a representation of 23 Aug. 1716, they acquainted their Lordships that they had applied to the justices of the peace throughout Scotland, to persuade them to put the laws in execution relating to the duties

on houses, but without any success. Since that, have made further applications, and now the justices delay till they are informed of what resolutions the justices of the shire of Edinburgh take. The manner of inhabiting most of the houses in Edinburgh, and other chief towns in Scotland is, that if there be four or five or more storeys or floors under one roof, each storey is in the possession of one family, the master whereof calls it his house. Wherefore the assessors have returned that a storey inhabited by one family is not chargeable with the duty unless it have 20 windows, and the surveyors return all the storeys under one roof, and between two gavells as one house, and chargeable with the duty if there be 20 windows or upwards in the whole building, although inhabited by different families; by which difference in the method of charging, the returns made by the assessors in Edinburgh did not amount to above one third of the returns made by the surveyors. Are of opinion that a clause explanatory of what is meant by a house is required. Propose a list of persons to be surveyors thereof. Excise Office, Edinburgh, 19 Feb. 1718–19. 2 *pages.*

20 Feb. 27. Certificate of the Auditors of Imprests to the Lords of the Treasury, showing how far the several accountants have passed their accounts, to the end that process may be made forthwith against defaulters, according to the course of the Exchequer. Dated 20 Feb. 1718.

At the end are copies of some documents touching previous process in the Exchequer against accountants. 20 *pages.*

21 Feb. 28. Sir Theodore Jannsen to the Lords [of the Treasury]. Relating to 24,000*l.* lent by him on a parcel of 2,664 blocks of tin sent to Holland. 21 Feb. 1718.

Also three other papers relating to his transactions in tin. 5 *pages.*

26 Feb. 29. Thomas Kynaston to Sir Chr. Wren and the rest of the Com^rs of Works, in answer to the commands of the Treasury to give an account of lead, solder, and brass charged on him by the Surveyor-General of H.M. Works as delivered to him for H.M. service at the Tower and Denmark House, for the ordinary repairs there. 26 Feb. 1718–19. 1¼ *pages.*

27 Feb. 30. Com^rs of Victualling to M^r Lowndes. Have hired for the salt arrived from North Britain a storehouse at Buckle's granaries, near Rotherhithe, at 2*s.* per week for any quantity under 100 tons, and so after the rate of 2*s.* per week for every 100 tons put there. 1,761 bushels are deposited there. Make suggestions as to the sale thereof. State the inconveniences of it remaining warehoused there. Victualling Office, 27 Feb. 1718.

An enclosure on the same subject.

Minuted:—" 28 [Feb.] Lr̃e repeating former directions to dispᵒ for his Ma^ts best advantage. Lr̃e to Scotland for acco^t of the Rem^r." 3 *pages.*

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[? Feb.] 31. Officers of the Board of Works to the Lords of the Treasury. Replying to four charges of mismanagement and abuses, said to be practised by the late Board of Works, and the subordinate officers under their direction. After answering the articles seriatim, they say we have "endeavoured to justify ourselves by short plain truths, without art, evasions, or perplexity. We have done all we have been able to lessen the Kings expense in the office, whilst it was under our care; and we may venture to affirm our endeavours have been successful therein, as may appear by the annexed paper marked A. We must at the same time observe to your Lordships that the extraordinary works since his Ma^ts accession to the Crown, have been considerably more than they were for the last nine years in the late Queen's reign."

The paper referred to, being an account of the expense of the above office from 1706 to 1714. 4 *pages.*

6 March. 32. Com^rs of Victualling to M^r Lowndes. H.M. ship "Success," returned from the Mediterranean, has a puncheon of oil on board, and the Com^rs think it ought to remain on board to be expended for the ship's company, but the Com^rs of Customs insist on the payment of the duty. "Although it has been usual when his Majesty's ships have been paid off to bring the oil ashore and pay the duty it was never done in this case," and the doing it now would be a precedent. Hope, as all the princes in Europe permit his Britannic Majesty's provisions for the service of his navy to go custom free, it will in this instance at least be judged reasonable. Pray that directions may be given to the Com^rs of Customs not to insist on the payment. Victualling Office, 6 March 1718. 2 *pages.*

11 March. 33. An abstract of the produce of his Majesty's revenue in Ireland for one year ending at Christmas 1718. 1 *page.*

11 March. 34. Petition of the artizans and others employed in H.M. Office of Works, to the Lords of the Treasury. At Christmas last were 12 months behind unpaid for their works, &c., and the accounts lie unpassed. Besides the arrear of 40,000*l.* due from his Majesty, there is a debt of 20,294*l.* from the late Queen, and 54,910*l.* from the late King William. Pray for a settlement, and in the meantime for a distribution of money amongst them to support their distressed families.

On the back is:—"Rs. 11 Mar. 1718–19." 1 *page, brief size.*

12 March. 35. Copy of the representation or memorial to the King of the Com^rs for building 50 new churches in London, Westminster, and suburbs, touching a maintenance for the ministers who are to attend the service of God in the same. The parish or district assigned to each of the new churches will probably contain about 6,000 souls. The duties incumbent on the minister cannot be discharged without the help of a clergyman to read the public service, and also of at

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least one able and assistant preacher, who may take his part in visiting the sick and other ministerial offices. The respective rectors, with their assistants, will require a clear yearly income of 300*l.*, and in the most populous districts 400*l.* Amongst the propositions for this purpose are, that they (the Com^rs^) may have power to assess houses by a rate not to exceed 6*d.* in the pound, and to lay on a duty on pews. Dated 12 March 1718–19. 5 *pages.*

13 March. 36. John Mercer to the Earl of Sunderland. Submits to his Lordship whether this be an improper time for the hearing of his "severe case." Will not presume to move at all without his Lp's concurrence, approbation, and direction. 13 March 1718–19.

Minuted:—"9 May 1719. Rejected."

Accompanied by "A state of Mr Mercer's case, in answer to a representation made against him to the Lords of the Treasury by the Comrs of Works, of which he could not procure a copy till very lately."

Also, "An abstract of Mr Mercer's patent as Chief Clerk of the Works."

[These papers relate to a controversy between Mr Mercer and the Comrs of Works. The former under his patent claimed to sit as a commissioner of that board.]

Minuted:—"18th April 1719. My Lords cannot restore him." 3 *pages.*

16 March. 37. Articles of agreement made 16 March, 5 Geo. [I.], between the Rt Hon. Charles, Earl of Sunderland, and the other Lords of the Treasury of the one part, and the Governor and Company of the Bank of England of the other. Under the Act of the present session, provision is made for cancelling and discharging at Lady-day 1710 a considerable part of the Exchequer bills, but there would still remain bills amounting to about 1,300,000*l.*, besides interest. The Comrs judge it for the public service to contract with the Governor and Company to circulate the residue, and the articles are the terms of the contract. 2½ *pages.*

17 March. 38. Memorial, signed J. Hancock, on behalf of the Earl of Cadogan, to the Lords of the Treasury, for an imprest of 1,200*l.* for robes, &c., and for putting the household in mourning for the King of Sweden, and for 600*l.* for rebuilding his Majesty's house in the Isle of Wight; and further, for 300*l.* for secret service. Whitehall, 17 March 1718–19. 1 *page.*

17 and 18 March. 39. Representation of the inhabitants and quarrymen of the Island of Portland, in answer to the suggestions of John Anderson, showing that the inhabitants had the privilege of raising and shipping stone from the quarries there, which has always been allowed by the Crown on paying the customary tonnage. Set out the rates they have always received for raising stone. The tonnage

duty was formerly equally divided between the Crown and the inhabitants, until the Restoration, when the King granted one half of his moiety of the tonnage duty to the inhabitants of the island, by which means their share of the tonnage is 9*d.* per ton, and the share of the Crown 3*d.* The quarries are in good order, and afford as good and large quantities as have been raised in the memory of man. The whole island contains 2,500 acres, all which except about 500 acres near the castle, appears to be a continued bed of stone, every acre of which, by a just calculation, will produce upwards of 16,000 tons. The whole quantity of ground cleared of stone since the quarries were first opened (of which they have no record in the Island) is not more than 30 odd acres, and there never can be any want of good stone for his Majesty's service, nor his posterity for 4,000 years to come. The reason of the great slide of the island which happened in January or February 1695, could never be discovered by the strictest inquiry. The charge of recovering the pier and way was paid by the Comrs of St Paul's, but did not amount to near the sum suggested, and as for the slide of the way which happened since, it was repaired for a less sum than 20*l.*

It has numerous signatures which were added on 17 and 18 Mar. 1718–9. Marked A.

Also a certificate of the owners and masters of ships using the coasting trade of the freight for stone from Portland to London. Dated Weymouth, 17 March 1718–19.

With numerous signatures. Marked B. 2 *large pages.*

11 Jan.– 22 March. 40. Certificates by Archibald Douglas of Cavers, Esq., General Receiver of the Land Tax, Crown Rents, &c., and new duties upon houses in Scotland, and paymaster of salaries, pensions, and allowances there, &c. of all receipts, payments, and remains, &c. from 11 Jan. to 22 March 1718–19. 4 *pages.*

24 March. 41. Memorial of the Treasurer of the Chamber for payment of his quarter's account due at Christmas. Dated 24 March 1718–19.

Minuted:—"8th April 1719. Order'd."

Among the items is:—"To Sir Godfrey Kneller, Bart., principal painter in ordry for drawing two of his Mats pictures at whole length at 50li each, besides fees of officers; in all, p bill, 107*l.* 10*s.*" 3 *pages.*

[? About 24 March.] 42. Proposal of Jonathan Forward, of London, merchant, to the Lords of the Treasury. About 60 criminals lying in the several gaols within the Home Circuit (viz.), in the counties of Hertford, Essex, Kent, Sussex, and Surrey, are ordered, pursuant to the late Act of Parliament, to be transported to His Majesty's colonies and plantations in America. These he proposes to transport at 5*l.* per head; besides which there are about 30 criminals in Newgate, whom he offers to transport at 3*l.* per head as heretofore he hath done.

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Accompanied by another paper entitled, "Reasons offered by Jonathan Forward for the more effectual transportation of the convicts and fellons."

Minuted:—"24th March 1718–19. Read." 2 *pages.*

25 March. 43. Report, signed George Treby, to the Lords of the Treasury, on a memorial of the colonels commanding the six regiments of foot lately sent to Ireland, who had subsisted their men upon the large establishment, and being paid in Ireland upon the lesser. The difference between the two establishments falls upon their personal pay. Is of opinion, that according to practice, the difference ought to be allowed. Whitehall. 25 March 1719.

Minuted:—"28th March 1719. Agreed to." 1 *page.*

[? About 13 April.] 44. Memorial of John Applebee and Henry Hines to the Lords [of the Treasury]. Are employed to serve the Mint with copper for coinage of halfpence and farthings. It is now three months since their Lps stopped the coinage, to their great loss. A few days after the stop "New Rooles" were finished, whereby they can prepare the copper smoother and make the money more beautiful. Pray to be allowed to "import" into the Mint the copper which they have prepared.

Also a note referring it to Sir Isaac Newton.

Minuted:—"April 13th 1719. To be sent to Sr Isaac Newton for his opinion." 1¼ *pages.*

16 April. 45. "Report of the Lords Committee concerning the State of the Exchequer and other records, 1719."

A paper so docqueted commencing thus:—"Die Jovis 16° April 1719. The Earl of Clarendon (according to order) reported from the Lords Comittees appointed the 5th of December last to inspect the repairs of the Parliamt Office, pursuant to the Address of this House to his Majesty, of the 4th of July 1717, and his Maties directions thereupon; and to report to the House what hath been done therein, and whether there hath been any and what hindrance, and the reasons thereof; and to whom it was referr'd to inspect the condition of the Records in Offices."

The Lords' Committee reported as to the state of the repairs of the parliament office, as to the records of Chancery in the Tower, and the records at the Six Clerks' office. "The Committee likewise examined Mr Saunderson, Deputy Usher of the Rolls, touching certain records which their Lordships had been informed appeared to view upon pulling down the old house of the Master of the Rolls." The Committee repaired to the Tower of London, and found the loose papers and parchments, which heretofore lay in great confusion within the chapel of the White Tower, were most of them sorted and put into order of time, in an excellent manner, in pursuance of several reports from former committees of this House; but complaint being still made of the want of room for receiving the public papers and records remaining to be put in order, the Committee were of opinion that a large room on the east side of the White Tower, adjoining to Cæsar's chapel (60 ft. long and 30 ft. wide), should be allotted for that purpose, as well as for the records of Chancery to be transmitted. Their Lordships directed a plan and estimate thereof to be made. The Committee were informed "that a great quantity of records of the late Court of Wards, which some years ago were brought from a house belonging to the King's fishmonger, in Fish Yard, over the Prince's chamber, and lately removed from thence over the Black Rod's room, and lodged there, with divers ancient records of the Court of Requests, where they now lie in great disorder, their Lordships took a view of the same and directed Mr Anstis, Garter King of Arms, to inspect the said records in order to placing them in a proper method." [The Committee then give the purport of Mr Anstis' report on these records.]

The Committee examined Mr Sadler, Deputy Clerk of the Pells, in relation to 21 bags full of records hanging up in the Pell Office in the Exchequer, some of which were thought very valuable. He believed they were brought there at the time of the fire, which happened at Whitehall, in the reign of King James the First. The Committee were of opinion that these records, reported on by Mr Anstis, and these 21 bags should be digested into order, under Mr Anstis' care, and with assistance to make calendars and indexes thereof, &c. Their Lordships went to St. Pauls' Cathedral to see if there was any place for preserving these records, and recommend an upper room on the south side over the aisle on the left hand of the south door for that purpose. Enclose plan and estimate for fitting up the room. The Committee examined the Deputy Chamberlains of the Exchequer, who admitted that they had a great number of records in their custody in a confused condition, and liable to ruin, and delivered to the Committee a particular account drawn up some years before by Mr Lowe and Mr Le Neve, late Deputy Chamberlains. The Committee then quote this account, which is entitled :—

"An account of the several records in the Court of the Receipt of the Exchequer in the custody of the Lord Treasurer, or the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury for the time being, the Chamberlains of the Exchequer, and their deputies." [This account or report runs over six pages.]

The Committee examined Mr Madox as to his knowledge of any records in disorder or liable to receive damage, and likewise as to the condition of the records in the Exchequer in general. Their Lordships directed Mr Neale, deputy in the Pipe Office, Mr Harding, deputy in the Kings' Remembrancer's Office, Mr Plaxton, deputy in the office of the Treasurer's Remembrancer, and Mr Jett, one of the auditors of the revenue, to inspect the records in their respective offices, and give an account in writing of the nature of their records, in what state they were, &c., and that Mr Madox should assist therein, and likewise gave direction to the Deputy Chamberlains to prepare a like account in relation to the Chapter House, at Westminster, and also ordered that Mr Topham, Keeper of the Records in the Tower, should lay before the Committee an account of the nature of the records

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there. [The Committee then quote the several reports, which run over 17 pages.]

The Committee having received information that several transcripts of records left by the late Mr Rymer, and not printed, were in the hands of Mr Awnsham Churchill, a bookseller, examined him thereon, and he acknowledged that he had the same, but thought they were thrown by as not fit to print. His executor had promised that they should be bound, and they were paid for by the Treasury, and were for public inspection. Their Lordships directed them to be sent to their housekeeper.

The Committee further report on certain empty rooms for the reception of records, &c., and they further recommend that a reasonable reward should be paid to Mr Le Neve and the executor of Mr Lowe for certain calendars.

The Report finishes thus:—"Which report being read by the clerk was agreed to by the House. Wm Cowper, cler̃ parliamentor̃."

Accompanied by the estimates and the plan for fitting up the rooms at St Paul's. 36 *pages.*

16 April. 46. Lord Stanhope to the Lords of the Treasury. Mr Whitworth, having by His Majesty's command signed a capitulation with the Commissaries of the Council of State in Holland, relating to the five battalions sent over hither by the States General, he (Lord Stanhope) sends a copy of the capitulation. Whitehall, 16 April 1719.

The copy referred to. (French.) 5 *pages.*

[? About 17 April.] 47. Five papers touching the affairs of Mr Robert Peter, late Receiver-General of the county of Hertford, who had failed, being in debt to the Crown 13,149*l.* odd. Mr Robert King was one of his sureties, and Sir Bibey Lake, Baronet, a principal creditor.

One of the papers is:—"The case of Mr Robert King," and is *minuted:*—"17th April 1719. My Lds appoint to hear all ptys this day fortnight." 7 *pages and* 3 *halves.*

21 April. 48. Sir Christopher Wren to the Lords of the Treasury. The letter is as follows:—"My surprise is equal to my concern to find, that after having serv'd the Crown and the publick above fifty years, and at this great age, I should be under a necessity of taking a part in answering a memorial presented by Mr Benson to yr Ldships., charging some mismanagements on the late Cõmissioners of the Board of Works.

"It was his Majesties pleasure, on his happy accession to the Throne, to continue me in the office of Surveyor of the Works: but soon after, in regard of my great age, he was pleas'd of his Royal clemency to ease me of the burden of the business of that office, by appointing other worthy gentlemen with me in Cõmission, which was under such regulations and restrictions, as that alltho' I had the honour to be first nam'd with the old title of Surveyor, yet in acting, I had no power to override, or give a casting vote: I did, however, as often as my infirmities would permit, attend the Board, and endeavour'd to doe his Majesty all the service I was able, with the same integrity and zeal wch I had ever practis'd.

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"I doubt not but the gentlemen concern'd in the late commission will lay before y^r L^dships such particular answers to the memorial of complaint as will be satisfactory. I crave leave to refer thereto, and may presume to say that, notwithstanding the pretensions of the present surveyor's management to be better than that of the late cõmissioners, or theirs to be better than what preceded, yet I am persuaded, upon an impartial view of matters, and fairly distinguishing all particulars, with due consideration had to long protracted payment of artificers, there will be no just grounds for the censuring former managements; and as I am dismiss'd, having worn out (by God mercy) a long life in the Royal service, and haveing made some figure in the world, I hope it will be allow'd me to die in peace." Hampton Court, April 21, 1719. 2 *pages.*

[? About 24 April.] 49. Memorial to the Lords of the Treasury of John Sturgeon, glover, and John Renolds, butcher, who had been engaged in the capture of, and giving evidence against, John Beane, of Brentwood, who had absconded and was indicted at the sessions. "Sir Nathanell Mead was so carefull of y^e matter, knowing whose cause we ware for, and that y^e King's honor and person and y^e Parliment ware abused, that he came of from y^e bench of y^e Niseum price, to y^e Crown bench to pleade our cause, and he was y^e only frind we had theare; for what he did for us he did itt gratusly."

Minuted:—"Serj^t Mead, 24^th April 1719, state this. 29^th April 1719, to M^r Cracherode." 2 *pages.*

[? About 28 April.] 50. Informations about one Moffat's ship, seized with arms, intended for the rebels.

Copies of various papers about the above ship, which came from Holland. The officers at Kirkaldy seized the vessel in Largo Bay, near Ely.

Minuted:—"28^th April 1719. The informer to be recõmended to his Ma^tie for 100." *Again:*—"9^th. His Ma^tie consents." "Warr^ts sign^d 5 August 1719." 8 *pages.*

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[? After 1 May.] 1. Memorial of John Cooke, Esq., to the Lords of the Treasury, praying for the renewal of a warrant, that the present Attorney-General may be empowered to proceed to a final determination in respect to a debt due from the executors of Samuel Horne to the Crown.

Another petition to his Majesty from the same, on behalf of himself and Lady Cooke, who were jointly possessed of an estate in Antigua, formerly belonging to M^r Samuel Horne, who was collector of that island from 1688 to 10 May 1697, when he died

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indebted to the Crown. Pray relief in connexion with the balance due from Horne.

Also copy of a warrant and reference of the case to the Attorney General. The last dated 1 May 1719.

Minuted:—"Nov^{br} 9, 1721. Refer'd to y^{e} Attorney-Gen^{ll}." 5½ *pages.*

1 May. 2. Memorial of the Com^{rs} for disposing of the Equivalent to the Lords of the Treasury. Had laid out 1,000*l.* in executing what they thought was their trust, and they must pay it out of their private effects, or detain it under the Act 6 Anne. This would entangle them in disputes, now that their commission is at an end. Pray for relief and for directions to be given to some person to be appointed by his Majesty to receive the dead stock, debts, and effects which belonged to the Scots African Company, so that they may be liberated from their charge. 1 May 1719.

Also another paper headed:—"Representation of the Commissioners for disposing of the Equivalent," delivered to the Chairman of the Committee, explaining the matter of the incident charges above referred to. 4½ *pages.*

5 May. 3. Representation and petition of the Commissioners for relief of the poor proselytes to the Church of England from the Church of Rome, addressed to the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord Chancellor, the Bishop of London, and the Lord Chief Justice of the Common Pleas. The encouragement given to the proselytes by appointing a considerable sum for their relief, has induced many pious persons also to contribute liberally. After separating the bad, or pretended proselytes from those who are sincere, there are so many real objects of charity that both the public and private sums fall greatly short of answering the ends of the Commission, and the Commissioners have been obliged to borrow and incur a debt. Pray for speedy payment of what is allotted. 13 *signatures.*

"Rec^{d} 5th May."

Minuted:—"16th July 1719. State the allowance of what is due."

"The King's bounty to these petitioners is 15,000^{li} ꝑ ann., payable by the hands of Walter Chetwynde, Esq^{r}, and thus to be distributed:—

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For the French ministers - - -	3,000
For the other French Protestants - -	12,000
	15,000

The whole has been paid to Lady Day 1717, so that from thence to Midsom^{r} 1719 is two years and one qua^{r}, w^{ch} amounts to 33,750^{li}." 2 *pages.*

6 May. 4. Lord Lieutenant of Ireland (Bolton) to the Lords of the Treasury. On the case referred to him of Col. Brinsley Butler, who prayed to be placed on the Establishment of Ireland, for a pension

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of 10s a day. Believes his allegation, that the loss of his commission upon his Majesty's accession was owing to a misrepresentation of his character, he having upon all occasions since shown a very steady and hearty zeal for his Majesty's service and Government in the House of Commons, whereof he is a member. Advises the grant of the pension, in regard the petitioner has a large family, and suffers in his character by the imputation for which he was removed from his former post. Dublin Castle, 6th May 1719.

Minuted:—" 5th June 1719. Prepare a warrt to replace him."

Also the petition of the Colonel. 2 *pages*.

6 May. 5. Proposal of John Shorey and Son, to the Lords of the Treasury, to take one hundred tons of his Majesty's tin at 3*l*. 4*s*. per hundred [weight] with three months' credit, or 200 tons at 3*l*. 5*s*. with six months' credit. Basinghall Street. May 6, 1719.

Minuted:—" 9thMay 1719. To be considered when the other papers relating to tin are read." 1 *page*.

[? About 7 May.] 6. " Abstract of the papers relating to Sir Thomas Smith, Bart." *Minuted*:—" 7th May 1719. Read, and ordered to be laid before his Maty."

The principal paper is the following:—

Report of the Lord Lieut. of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Sir Thomas Smith, Bart., praying his Majesty, upon the surrender of his patent, whereby he enjoys the office of Chief Ranger in Ireland, and Ranger of Phœnix Park, near Dublin, that he may have leave to change one of the lives therein, and to name another, in new letters patent. Encloses the Solicitor-General's (Rogerson's) report thereon, &c. Has no objection to the proposal, there appearing to be no difference in the value of the two lives. 25 July 1718. [The life proposed was Lord Bellew, in place of Wm FitzMaurice, Esq.] 6 *pages*.

8 May. 7. Report of the Controller (James Bruce), to the Lords of the Treasury, on six lists, enclosed, of the number of persons victualled, signed by the Deputy Governor of Gibraltar. There is due to the contractor thereon 4,281*l*. 10*s*. 8¼*d*. 8 May 1719.

Accompanied by " A state of provisions laid into the victualling storehouses at Gibraltar." 3 *pages*.

8 May. 8. Report of A. Cracherode to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Michael Ayon, to be reimbursed his charge for attending the prosecutions of the persons concerned in the murder of Col. Parke, then late Governor of the Leeward Isles. The petitioner states that he was a material witness, and that having been sent over from thence to represent that affair to her late Majesty, he was a very great sufferer in his person and private fortune on that occasion. Was allowed 5*s*. a day to the time of the trial of one of the persons concerned in the murder, but did not receive any of the allowance till almost two years after the trial, nor any allowance for his loss of time and sufferings by that rebellion. Was shot through the body and otherwise much wounded, besides having his

house plundered to his utter ruin, and prayed the allowance of 5*s.* a day. In a previous report M^r^ Cracherode gave his opinion that petitioner should be allowed 150*l.* for his voyage there and back, and 5*s.* a day for maintenance, from 3 May 1711, unless their L^ps^ should think proper to consider him further. Upon reading this report, their L^ps^ granted the petitioner a warrant to receive 531*l.*, viz., 150*l.* for his expenses in coming over and going back to Antigua. and 381*l.* for maintenance, &c, M^r^ Cracherode is now of opinion that there was room to have carried on the allowance of 5*s.* a day, and for further consideration for his losses and sufferings. 8 May 1719.

Minuted:—"16 July 1719. My Lords finding by the former warr^t^ dated 26th April 1717, that he is paid in full, cannot advise his Ma^tie^ to give him any more."

The petition and five affidavits connected therewith. 11 *pages.*

8 May. 9. Report of George Treby and James Bruce to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of the R^t^ Hon. the Earl of Lincoln, Paymaster-General of the Forces, praying for directions as to what part of 4,269*l.* 10*s.*, allowed for contingencies upon the establishment of the forces for 1718, might be satisfied out of the moneys saved by disbanding the forces in 1718. Propose to satisfy these claims out of the moneys referred to. 9,609*l.* 7*s.* at least will be necessary. Whitehall, 8 May 1719.

Also three lists, (1) "of pensions and annual allowances payable in the Earl of Lincoln's Office"; (2) of such warrants as have passed the office upon the contingencies of the forces, for the year 1718, expressing for what services they have been granted; and (3) of the regiments that have demands upon the contingencies for the year 1718, for their marches, &c. 7 *pages.*

10. Petition of Nathaniel Boothe, Esq., Surveyor of his Majesty's Greenwax, to the Lords of the Treasury, praying for payment of his salary in arrear 2,805*l.* The Greenwax fines being of late years applied by the sheriffs in payments for apprehending clippers and coiners, and highway robbers, the petitioner thereby received very few sums upon that account.

Minuted:—"9th May 1719. There is no money arising from the duty." 1 *page.*

[? About 9 May.] 11. Petition of M^r^ George Chalmers, Principal of King's College, Aberdeen, to the Lords of the Treasury. The King having appointed a Commission for visiting the colleges and schools of Aberdeen, the petitioner and college laid before the Com^rs^ the low necessitous condition of the college, the mean provisions of the several members, the ruinous condition of the old fabric (ready to fall if not speedily prevented), and the unseemly state of some new buildings which were begun and considerably advanced by the bounty of private persons under the reign of King William, whereof the funds for many years have been discontinued. This serves to increase the ruins wherewith the college is threatened.

The debts amount to about 1,100*l.*, and the annual revenues are greatly diminished by accidents, whereby the yearly charge of the college exceeds the revenue. Beseech their Lps' favour with his Majesty for their relief for the following reasons:—1. The old fabric is in danger of falling this winter. 2. The college was erected and supported for 300 years by his Majesty's predecessors, and his Majesty has lately newly settled it, to best serve the ecclesiastic and civil constitution. 3. The salaries of the members are so mean and precarious, that lately the Regius Professor of Mathematics was forced to demit, and that chair is still vacant, &c. 4. The professors and masters of the establishment equal in number any of the Colleges of Glasgow or Edinburgh, tho' the professors and masters in those places have greater encouragement, yet these colleges (be it said without envy) had an addition of 210*l.* yearly, by a royal grant begun by Queen Anne, and continued by his Majesty, whereas the King's College of Aberdeen has only had 105*l.* Pray their Lps to move his Majesty to provide for their subsistence and prevent their ruin.

Minuted:—"9th May 1719. When Ld Sunderland is here." 1½ *pages.*

[? About 9 May.] 12. Petition of Dame Katherine Waller, widow and relict of Sir William Waller, Knt, deceased, to the Lords of the Treasury. Upon the representation of petitioner's case to Queen Anne, by Lord Somers, then Lord President of the Council, and upon her petition stating that her grandfather, Sir Edward Stradling, and her father Sir Edward Stradling, each of them raised a regiment at their own charge, for King Charles the First, and that both of them lost their lives in his defence (which was acknowledged under that King's sign manual), her Majesty granted petitioner a pension of 200*l.* per ann., which was paid until that ministry was changed, when it was stopped. His present Majesty continued the pension till Lady Day, 1716, but she is now struck off. Is upwards of fourscore years of age, very lame and helpless, and has nothing to depend on but his Majesty's bounty. Prays for continuance of the pension.

Minuted:—"9th May 1719. When Ld Sunderland is here." *Again*, "To be paid a ¼ when the others are paid." 1 *page.*

[? About 9 May. 13. Memorial of John Rawlins, sadler, George Willis, farrier, and Edward Aubery, coachmaker, "Esquires," on behalf of themselves and other creditors, officers and servants of the late King William III. Supplied goods on credit to be paid for at times long since elapsed, great part of which were enjoyed in the royal palaces. Several lawsuits have been commenced against them, and many of them have been imprisoned and ruined, and others still struggle under like difficulties. Large sums in the Exchequer belonging to the King's Civil List (part of which was ordered to be paid to them), were appropriated to other uses. Her late Majesty gave her word to recommend their case to the House of Commons. Pray that some method may be adopted to pay their debts. [12 signatures.]

Minuted:—"9 May 1719. There are no arrears. They may apply to Parlt." 2 *pages.*

[? About 9 May.] 14. Petition of several sufferers and agents for sufferers in the Islands of Nevis and St Christopher, to the Lords of the Treasury. Praying for despatch, that they may receive the interest on the debentures made out for their losses. Four signatures.

Also another petition of sundry proprietors of similar debentures, "which were provided for by subscribing them to the capital stock of the South Sea Company, but were defeated of that subscription." The Parliament provided three years' interest for that debt, which was paid by the Lords of the Treasury, but there is now no further provision. Petitioners intend to apply to Parliament and ask for assistance. 20 signatures.

Minuted:—"9th May 1719. My Lords can make no order in this." 2 *pages.*

[? About 9 May.] 15, Petition of John Hollinshead, one of the messengers of the House of Commons, to the Lords of the Treasury. Matthew Pryor, Esq., was, on June 9 1715, committed to the custody of the Serjeant-at-Arms, and petitioner took care of him till 26 June 1716, when the Parliament was prorogued. The late Serjeant-at-Arms petitioned for the fees of himself and other officers, and his petition was reported on by Mr Jodrell. Petitioner is entitled by the table of fees to 6*s.* 8*d.* per diem for attending prisoners. During petitioner's attendance "he could not otherwise get anything to support himself and family, being so closely confined, that he could not stir out of doors till ye said Mr Pryor was allowed by Mr Speaker to take the air, or ordered to attend ye Committee of Secrecy. Petitioner had no more than thirteen pounds per ann. for his salary." Prays for payment

Minuted:—"9 May 1719. Rejected." 1 *page.*

[? About 9 May.] 16. Petition and case of Charles Goateley, Esq., to the King. Obtained a lease of certain houses and land lying at Chatham, in Kent, at a rent of 330*l.* It cost him near 1,000*l.* to repair the same, half of the houses being empty, and the old materials run away with, and most of the others inhabited by poor people, by reason the estate had lain a considerable time waste before her late Majesty purchased it of the proprietors, under an Act of Parliament. Petitioner likewise, upon the rumour and talk of a garrison being about to be made, was forced to abate 30*l.* a year rent on his own houses and lands within the supposed garrison. Petitioner holds from the Lords of the Treasury his houses and ground, on condition of delivering them up for a fortification to be made when his Majesty commands the same. Petitioner is at about 100*l.* a year charge for repairs, (the houses being old, and one sea wall being broken in already, and another in danger of breaking). By all which means he is in much worse condition than he was before taking the lease. Petitioner was Serjeant-at-Arms in the late Queen's time, and was a considerable sufferer thereby, being forced to spend his own fortune in providing servants and horses to do the

Queen's business, and at last was threatened to be put out of the office if he did not readily comply to dispose thereof, which he was forced to do. And when a person had articled with petitioner for the same, petitioner was obliged to pay a considerable sum rather than be put out without any consideration. Complains of having suffered several other great grievances, and says he could never be charged with neglect of duty, or indecent behaviour. True it is, that he has a vote for the city of London, county of Middlesex, and some other counties, and did (even in the worst of times) upon the change of the ministry and dissolution in the year 1710, nay at all other times, both before and after, vote in the interest of the late King William and the House of Hanover. Prays for the grant of the lease, rent free, for as many years as his Majesty shall please.

Minuted:—"My Lords can do nothing in it. 9 May 1719"

Also a translation of the same into French. 2 *large pages*.

[? About 9 May.] 17. Petition of Anne Rochford to the Lords of the Treasury. In 1716 obtained from his Majesty, a grant for 31 years, of a small piece of ground near the "Meuze," containing only 7 ft. 7in. one way, and 47½ ft. the other, at a rent of 13*l*. 15*s*. Was at the expense of 40*l*. and upwards for passing the lease, and has laid out 1,200*l*. in building; prays for the lease to be annulled and a new one granted at a more moderate rent.

Minuted:—"Rejected. 9 May 1719." 1 *page*.

[? About 9 May.] 18. Petition of George Monck, Esq., Surveyor-General of Customs in Ireland, to the King. In consideration of services done to King Charles II., in his Restoration, by petitioner's father, Henry Monck, Esq., the King granted to the latter the place of Surveyor-General of Customs in Ireland, on the death or surrender of Thomas Maule, Esq. States other particulars about the grant of that office, and further that it was in farm for several years, whereby the salary of 100*l*. a year was discontinued to petitioner's father. Petitioner has exercised the office since his father's decease, and visited all the ports every year, &c. Prays for an order for the salary to be restored Signed.

Minuted:—"9th May 1719. Send this to Ld Lt."

Accompanying this is a petition of the above Henry Monck for the salary and arrears, which was referred for the report of the Lord Lieut. of Ireland on 13 April 1683. 2 *pages*.

[? About 9 May.] 19. Memorial of the merchants, makers, and exporters of herrings in North Britain, by Richard Savage, to the Lords of the Treasury. A stop has been put to the making out debentures for some part of the herrings, occasioned by some doubt or dispute about the size of the herring barrel in Scotland, viz., whether it consisted of the Scots barrel of 29 gallons 1½ gill, wine measure, or the English barrel of 32 galls., like measure. The delay in making out the debentures is very prejudicial to the merchants and others. A clause in an Act of Parliament has been brought in to settle the barrel at 32 English gallons; pray that the debentures may be forthwith made out according to this clause.

Minuted:—"See the resolutions of Parlt. 9 May 1719." 1 *page*.

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[? About 9 May.] 20. Another petition of the same merchants, &c., to the Lords of the Treasury, referring to the settlement of the same subject by the Treaty of Union, and what has been the practice since. Also as to the stoppage of the debentures. "By these uncertainties, and the discouragem^{ts} put upon y^{e} traders and poor fishers in y^{e} small burrows, great damage has happend, and more must follow, for y^{e} foreign salt being imported chiefly for y^{e} service of y^{e} fishing, the traders lay out y^{e} best part of their stocks to bring or cause to be brought home foreigne salt, and give bonds for y^{e} dutys payable in six months; relying on the faith of y^{e} public law, that they shall not only get up their bonds, but receive y^{e} further premiums allow'd by law for encouragem^{t} of y^{e} fishing within that time, but y^{e} dutys becoming due and y^{e} certificates not granted, these people will be for the most part broken, the small burrows along the coast (where y^{e} herrings are y^{e} chiefe entertainm^{t} of y^{e} people & support of y^{e} rents of y^{e} country) ruined, and the fishers will be forced for want of bread to hire themselves into foreigne service." Pray that directions may be given to make out debentures for the herrings exported from Scotland, at 10*s.* 5*d.* a barrel, to be computed according to the Scotch or English barrel, as their Lordships shall think fit.

Minuted:—"9 May 1719. The Parl^{t} hath settled this." 2 *pages.*

[? About 9 May.] 21. Petition of Charles Dennis and Thomas Moor to the Lords of the Treasury. Petitioners gave information about cutting trees in the New Forest, and the woodward compounded with the delinquents, whereby they, as informers, have not received the moiety allowed by Act of Parliament; pray for their Lordships' order for their relief.

Minuted:—"9th May 1719. To be considered when papers relating to New Forrest are considered." 2 *pages.*

[? About 9 May.] 22. Petition of Ed. Shafto, gent., to the Lords of the Treasury. Is father of John Shafto, one of the gentlemen that was shot at Preston, and was by his son unfortunately drawn into rebellion. Soon after the town was taken, proffered himself as a witness against the rebels, and "to prove the rebellion in the English joyneing y^{e} Scot[c]h and proclameing y^{e} Pretender in all y^{e} markett townes thorroughe which they martcht," and this the petitioner, with Mr. Calderwood, did upon every trial at Liverpool, and several other trials elsewhere, for which Mr. Calderwood has been rewarded by a good sum of money, and a pension of 40*l.* or 50*l.* per ann., but petitioner never had any reward but subsistence for meat and drink during the trials, and was discharged with only 40*s.* By giving evidence has drawn upon himself the hatred, displeasure, and malice of all his friends and relations; prays relief from the royal bounty or to be placed in some hosp[ital].

Minuted:—"Money hath already been given him. 9 May 1719. 1 *page, decayed.*

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[? About 9 May.] 23. Petition of Edward Courtney to the King. Petitioner's mother was maid of honour to the King's grandmother, the Queen of Bohemia, and his father, under three successive Princes of Orange, deputy governor and commandant of their town of Breda. Formerly served the Crown of England faithfully in several employments by sea and land. Is now 75 years old and bed-ridden, and with his brother of 72, and two sisters of between 60 and 70 years of age, has of late years lived upon an employment of 100*l.* per ann. in the Transfer Office of the 1710 Lottery, which is now going to be determined by a Bill in Parliament, for vesting the fund of this lottery in the South Sea Company, whereby they will all be left destitute; prays for some other provision to be made for them, that their grey hairs may not go down to the grave in sorrow and want.

Minuted:—"9º Maij 1719. My Lords will consider this if the office sinks." 1 *page.*

[? About 9 May.] 24. Petition of Capt. George Lee and Richard Martin, Esq. to the Lords of the Treasury. Their Lordships referred to the Com^rs of Revenue in Ireland the case and memorial of the petitioners, praying for stay of proceedings, on account of a balance due from Lee, as collector in the district of Loughreagh, in Ireland; and against Martin as his security. The Com^rs reported several good services done by Martin to his Protestant neighbours during the late rebellion in Ireland, and great disbursements by him made to the army under King William; also that petitioner, Lee, had suffered very much by the frauds of a clerk, and that he served with reputation in the army of the Crown in Flanders and America, &c. Are informed that the Com^rs of Revenue for Ireland threaten them with prosecution. Petitioner Martin's estate lies in a wild country, is subject to many prior judgments and encumbrances, and petitioner Lee lost all his substance in the unfortunate expedition to Canada. Pray for relief and a cessation of proceedings.

Minuted:—"9th May 1719. Rejected." 2 *pages.*

[? About 9 May.] 25. Representation or memorial of William James, of Soilwell, in the county of Gloucester, Esq., to the Lords of the Treasury. Draws attention to certain paragraphs in the Act 20 Car. II. for preservation of timber within the Forest of Dean. Paragraph 13 provides that the Act shall not make void certain letters patent granted to Sir John Wintour, K^t, Francis Finch, and Robert Clayton, Esq^res, in 14 Car. II., which related to certain woods and iron works in the Forest of Dean, for a term of years yet unexpired, which term had 12 years to run. The family of the Wintours have, under colour of that term, continued in possession of several hundred acres of wood, and from time to time have cut the same. The present Lady Wintour is a papist, and has married one M^r Nevill, a papist. They have lately cut at least 1,500 loads of wood, part of the forest. Prays that directions may be given for inquiry into the

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aforesaid matters, that his Majesty's rights may not be diminished, and that petitioner may be considered.

Minuted:—"9th May 1719. To be considered when the forests are." 1 *page*.

[? About 9 May.] 26. Petition to the Lords of the Treasury of John Caswall, of London, merchant, in behalf of several merchants at New York, concerned in bills of exchange drawn by Col. Robert Hunter and Col. Francis Nicholson, for 214*l*. 5*s*. 8*d*. Petitioner, two years before, addressed the Lords of the Treasury in respect to this debt, which was for building a chapel for the Indians, and a place for the missionaries to dwell in, to be secured by a fort. Asks for payment of the bills.

Also the former petition and copy of the instructions to Governor Hunter, dated 21 Feb. 1710–11, in respect to the building of the chapel and fort.

Minuted:—"9th May 1719. See the resolutions of the House." 3 *pages*.

14 May. 27. "Auditor Harley's report on Collo Moore's memorial in relation to the issuing of debentures for the services late under his care as Paymaster of the Forces abroad."

[Thomas Moore was late Paymaster-General of the Forces and Garrisons abroad.]

The Auditor observes that the issue of debentures may be performed, and the accounts passed, as regularly in one office as in more. And the charge will be less than if offices are kept by the several late paymasters, and separate accounts passed by each of them for their respective transactions. As to the case of Mr Moore, certifies that he finds he has issued debentures to the value of near 10,000*l*. to satisfy the debts due to eight regiments of the nineteen under his care. And his account will soon be ready for declaration, &c. 14 May 1719.

Minuted:—"9th June 1719. Approved." 3 *pages*.

21 May. 28. Report of the Earl of Carlisle (signed) to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition to the King, of Thomas Serjeant, Gate Porter of the Tower of London. Finds the contents of the petition true, that besides the fee of 2*s*. 2*d*. per day, there were formerly some houses upon Tower Hill which belonged to the office of Gentleman Porter, and that when those houses were granted away by King James I,, in lieu thereof, a rent of 60*l*. per ann. was reserved to be paid to the Gentleman Porter until 1666, when, on account of the great fire the houses were demolished for the greater safety of the Tower. The office of Gentleman Porter is one of trust, he having the care of the Tower gates, and it being his duty to see them locked and well secured every night. 2*s*. 2*d*. per day is now a very small salary for such a trust. Is of opinion that it may be proper to add a salary of 60*l*. per ann. to the office. 21 May 1719.

Accompanying are:—(1.) A memorandum for him to be inserted on the Establishment for an additional salary of 60*l*. per ann. (2.) Letter from the Earl of Lincoln, referring the petition to the Earl

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of Carlisle for his report. (3.) The petition, which states in addition, that King Charles II., in consideration of the great loss sustained by Mr Robinson, the gentleman porter, granted him 135*l.* for compensation for his houses, and 60*l.* yearly out of the Office of Ordnance, and, that his successor, Major Hawley, was denied the yearly payment by the Comrs for Ordnance, and for no other reason as he could apprehend, but that he had been a commissioned officer under the Duke of Monmouth, and put into his place by the Duke, but who at that time was in disgrace at Court. He, however, on petition, received the arrears in King James the IInd's time. In 1693 Major Hawley petitioned for a revival of the allowance, and the case was favourably reported on, but an objection was taken to its being paid out of the Ordnance Department. Petitioner succeeded to the office in 1696, but was discouraged from making any application, and for 22 years has not had the allowance revived or anything in lieu of it. Prays to be put on the Establishment for such an augmentation of salary as to his Majesty may seem meet. (4.) Copies of two warrants.

Minuted:—"24th Novr 1719. My Lords do not think it reasonable to encrease the Establishment." *Again*:—"25th Novr 1719. My Lords will speak to Mr Treby, Secry-at-Warr, to insert on the Establishmt an additional sallary of 60li p ann." 4 *pages and* 2 *lines.*

23 May. 29. Report of W. Lechmere to the Lords [of the Treasury], on the petition of Sir Roger Mostyn, late Paymaster of Marines, and on the letters patent and instructions therewith, and likewise the several reports annexed, touching allowances claimed by Sir Roger for salary and charges connected with his office. Finishing thus:—"As to the continuance of the salary, I am humbly of opinion that ye disbandment of the corps, tho' by the Commission under the Great Seal, did not determine the grant of the office of Paymaster, the duty of the office still continuing, and being in fact exercised in many particulars, from time to time after the severall disbandments, and there being no determination of the office under the Great Seal, so that ye letters patents subsisting in point of law to the end of the nine months after the demise [of his late Majesty], for ought appears to me, the right to the salary or poundage will go along with ye office, and continue till that time, for which reasons I think it proper for your Lordships to gratify ye petitioner's request in this particular." Dated 23 May 1719.

Accompanied by the memorial and 11 other papers. 33 *pages.*

26 May. 30. Order in Council referring to the Lords of the Treasury the petition of Benjamin Joules, praying to have a grant of some enclosed or concealed lands belonging to his Majesty, now in possession of persons having no title thereto, "in lieu of clay to be taken from the petitioner's land called Stanshaw, near Portsmouth, for the use of his Majesty's docks." 26 May 1719.

Minuted:—"22d July 1719. He must exhibit a particular describing ye lands he desires." 3 *pages.*

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26 May. 31. Report of A. Cracherode to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of David Kiragos, Executor of Don Bentura de Lari, late Ambassador from the Emperor of Morocco, to the King, whereby he set forth that having married the Ambassador's sister, he consigned to him from Smyrna to England a considerable cargo of Smyrna goods, which the Ambassador promised to dispose of, and to remit to the petitioner the produce in British commodities, but failed so to do. On petitioner's arrival, the Ambassador alleged that the late Queen Anne had ordered a gratuity of 8,000*l.* to be paid to him for his good services in promoting the British trade in the Empire of Morocco. The Ambassador made use of petitioner's effects to the value of 2,000*l.* and upwards before his death, promising to satisfy the petitioner out of the 8,000*l.* He prayed that he might have the preference in a sum of 500*l.* ordered by his Majesty as a free gift to defray the charges of the Ambassador's sickness and funeral, and to be distributed to his creditors. Finds that petitioner was a creditor of the Ambassador for about 1,500*l.*, and is well entitled to the receipt and distribution of what moneys his Majesty shall order towards payment of the debts. 26 May 1719.

The petition referred to, list of the debts, and two affidavits.

Minuted:—" 27 [May]. Read and respited." *Again*:—" Rejected 17th July 1719." 8 *pages*.

26 May. 32. Samuel Peploe to " My Lord." Sends the enclosed that his Lordship may see what is said for Mr Attorney's delay in his " affair at Manchester." The doubt as to the Crown's prosecution of the cause against the Bishop of Chester is not agreeable to the assurances he (the writer) has had, that his Majesty would support his presentation. 'Tis a great pleasure to the Papists, and other disaffected persons to the Government, to see any of those who are friends to it, disappointed. Preston, Lancashire, May 26, 1719.

Minuted:—" 11th June 1719. Speak to Mr Cracherode that although the King's title to the presentation is not disputed, yet it will be for his Maties service to defend."

The enclosure referred to is a letter from A. Cracherode to the above Rev. Samuel Peploe at Preston, explaining the reason why nothing has yet been done in his affair. The single point in question is whether Mr Peploe is qualified to be presented or not. 3 *pages*.

29 May. 33. " A particular of the causes now under prosecution (vizt the 1st day of Trinity term 1719) with states thereof."

These particulars of the causes were drawn out for the consideration of the Lords of the Treasury, and in the margin are their Minutes opposite many of the entries. 29 May 1719. 6¼ *pages*.

1 June. 34. Sir Roger Mostyn, late Paymaster of Marine forces, to ——. Transmits an account of the services done by him, &c. from the time the last regiment was " broke " to the end of nine months after the demise of the Queen, in which is an account of the numbers of men

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paid off and disbanded in that time, and of the sums of money paid them. 1 June 1719.

Also the account referred to, a letter, and two other papers connected with Sir Roger's affairs. 19 *pages*.

2 June. 35. Certificate of W. Jessop and W. Ashburnham, Com^rs for Alienations, to the Lords of the Treasury, of the gross produce of their office from Mich. 1718 to 22 May 1719. June 2, 1719. 1 *page*.

2 June. 36. Treasurer of the Chambers' account for the quarter ending at Lady-day 1719. 2 June 1719. 3¼ *pages*.

5 June. 37. Christopher Tilson to Edward Young, Esq., Surveyor of his Majesty's Woods. Transmits by their Lordships' command affidavit of William James relating to waste and spoil committed by the Lady Wintour and James Nevill, Esq., her husband, in his Majesty's Woods, called the Snead and Kiddenhalls, in the Forest of Dean, and their Lordships direct inquiry and report to be made thereon. Treasury Chambers, 5 June 1719.

The affidavit named. 2 *pages*.

[? About 5 June.] 38. Petition of William and Richard Gwynn to the Lords of the Treasury. King Charles II. granted to petitioner's father, grandfather, and uncle, Richard Gwynn, of the co. of Glamorgan, and Richard Mathews of the co. of Rutland, Esq., the office of customer and collector of Cardiff for their lives. In the year 1688, Richard Gwynn, with his son Richard and petitioner William, on the landing of the Prince of Orange, raised upwards of 100 men in the town of Swansey and county aforesaid, and entertained them for upwards of five weeks. Petitioner William and his brother served several years in Flanders. On the death of the father, Richard Mathews succeeded and resigned the patent, and the Lords of the Treasury granted the office of customer of Cardiff to petitioner and his brother, Richard Gwynn, and petitioner William has exercised the office for nine years. To prove his affection for the present Government, states that he obtained the commitment of one Richard Whitmore, *alias* Kavanagh, for treasonable practices, and Whitmore stood in the pillory in three places in the county. In consequence, petitioner William had his patent renewed for Cardiff, and his son Richard's name added. Understand that the office is disposed of to one M^r Tho. Hoskins. Pray for restoration, or the first patent employment vacant, and, in the meantime, for continuance in the collection of Swansey.

Also two certificates in their favour.

Minuted:—" 5 June 1719. To be read when L^d Sunderland is here."

Again:—" M^r Stanhope will write to Sir Hungerford Hoskyns." 4½ *pages*.

8 June. 39. Edw. Riggs to Charles Stanhope, Esq., Secretary to the Lords of the Treasury. Thought it his duty as a surveyor of the high-

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ways of the parish of Binfield, to desire his neighbour, Grey Nevill, to recommend the enclosed petition to the Lords of the Treasury, that so they may be supplied with timber out of the forest as usual, "without which, notwithstanding a full performance of the six days' labour in laying gravel," the bridges and ways cannot be rendered passable. It is two months since the petition was sent. Asks him to lay it before their Lordships, if not already done, and to recommend it. Binfield, 8 June 1719.

The petition of the inhabitants of the parish of Binfield in Windsor Forest referred to.

Minuted:—"17th July 1719. Ref. to Survr of Woods." 2 *pages*.

9 June. 40. "Auditor" J. Walpole to "my Lords." Lays extracts of several letters before them relating to the revenues of New York, by which it will be seen that the whole management of what is raised for the support of his Majesty's Government there, is by the Assembly taken from the officers of the Crown and put under a particular administration of their own, contrary to the ancient practice and natural dependence which that colony ought to have upon the Government here. Their Lordships will easily perceive how much his Majesty's prerogative, as well as the protection of his subjects in those parts, will be rendered precarious, if the levying money be lodged in particular persons' hands appointed by the Assembly, without any check from the officers of the Crown. The continuance of such an incroachment must, in time, make the colony of New York independent of the Crown in the most essential part. Proposes that their Lordships should direct the Board of Trade to lay before them all clauses in the Governor of New York's instructions relating to the revenue there, and a full account of all the acts of Assembly for the last 10 years on the same subject.

[*Minuted*:– "Write a l̃re accordingly, & also what instruct̃ have been given to Govrs of New York in relation to grants of lands & reservations of rents."]

The quitrents of the colony are in the utmost confusion and disorder, and at present produce little or nothing to the Crown, but if put under good regulation, might raise a considerable revenue. If appointed, is ready to consider (with others) of means for recovery and improvement of the revenue. With their Lordships' approval, will write to Mr Dixon, a Collector of Customs in Maryland, and late Receiver of Revenue of New York, to know on what terms he will undertake to bring the revenue into good management.

[*Minuted*:—"Mr Audr to write to Mr Dixon upon the sevll matters herein proposed."] 9 June 1719. 1½ *pages*.

10 June. 41. Report of A. Cracherode to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Richard Oglethorp, gent., who states that after the murder of Col. Parke, Governor of the Leeward and Caribbee Islands in 1712, he was sent for from Antigua, as evidence for the Crown against several persons concerned in the murder and rebellion there. He also applied for his expenses for loss of time, &c., which he valued at 1,291*l*. 1*s*. 8*d*. Mr Cracherode gives his opinion as to the

allowance which should be made to him. Petitioner holds the post of Deputy Provost Marshal and Messenger to his Majesty's Council in the Leeward Islands, and, if he returns, is in danger of his life from the friends of those against whom he appeared at the trials. He has contracted several debts, and is threatened to be thrown into gaol. A previous memorial in 1716 of Oglethorp's was referred to and reported on favourably by M^r^ Cracherode on the same subject, and on the trial of Henry Smith, the Lord Chief Justice Parker's opinion was, that the Government ought to pay Oglethorp's necessary charges. M^r^ Crachrode says that there was room, not only to have carried on the allowance of 5*s.* a day to the time their Lordships ordered him the 323*l.* 3*s.* 5*d.*, viz., to 28 Jan. 1716–17, but to have considered the petitioner further for his loss of time, &c. 10 June 1719.

The petition referred to and an Order in Council referring it to the Lords of the Treasury.

Minuted:—"16 July 1719. My Lords finding by the former warrant that he is paid in full, cannot advise his Ma^{ty} to give him any more."

Again:—"12 Augst 1719. My Lords adhere to the former Minute." 7½ *pages.*

11 June. 42. Three Orders in Council to the Lords of the Treasury for passing a privy seal.

(1.) For the sale of decayed and unserviceable stores in his Majesty's yards. 11 June 1719.

Also a tabular account of the stores, showing the yards where they remained.

(2.) On the petition of 13 poor livery servants of the late Prince George of Denmark, praying to be provided for; referring the matter to their Lordships.

Minuted:—"30 June 1719. See the answer to their former petition."

Also the petition.

(3.) On the petition of John Fish, together with a report from the Lords of the Admiralty as to Fish being rewarded for his good services done in the navy; referred also to their Lordships.

The petition and report named. The petitioner states that in the late war, he engaged two French privateers four hours, which had on board 140 men, and his pink only 13, yet he forced the privateers after three desperate engagements to bear off, leaving their "crapling" and chain behind, for which service he was promised by his late Royal Highness to be preferred; but the then ministry soon after changing, the same was frustrated. Also, that at the time of the late rebellion he did, with all the zeal of a dutiful subject, "and with the greatest expedition, not only transport himself the soldiers from Holland, but lent his pilot to the hazard of his life," to transport others, by which five more transports were able to follow with soldiers.

Minuted:—"22^{d} July 1719. Report that these services (if performed) can be rewarded only out of navy money." 9 *pages*, 2 *halves*

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[? After 17 June.] 43. "An account of the several persons standing in debt to the revenue on salt in Trinity Term, 1719, and the proceedings that have been made against them, and what has been recovered." [Trinity Term ended 17 June]. 7 *pages*.

17 June. 44. Com^{rs} of Victualling to M^{r} Lowndes, concerning foreign salt imported into Scotland before the Union, and lying at Glasgow. To bring it to London for sale, will amount to more than the salt will sell for. The freight for every 26 bushels and 56 pounds is 13½*d.* per bushel, whereas the first parcel sold for no more than 10*d.* per bushel. The 452 bushels put up to sale on Monday last, sold for no more than 8¼*d.* per bushel. The Crown will lose considerably by bringing it here. There is no prospect of procuring freight much cheaper by vessels to be sent from Plymouth. It will be difficult to persuade the Plymouth merchants to undertake the voyage, the coast being dangerous and rocky. It will not be possible to bring it all at once, because vessels of that port are generally small, and most of them are gone to Wales for coals. Submit whether it had not better be sold where it lies. Victualling Office, 17 June 1719. 4 *pages.*

17 June. 45. Four reports of Charles Harison concerning licences granted by the Court of Exchequer to compound upon penal laws, &c. Between 21 Oct. 1718 and the last day of Trinity Term, 1719 [17 June.]

Made out in tabular form. 15 *double pages.*

19 June. 46. Report of the Lord Lieut. of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Robert Baillie, upholsterer, for payment of 507*l.* 8*s.* 8*d.* due to him for furnishing the castle of Dublin, and the house of Chapel Izod. Believes the reason why the payment was not readily ordered after his petition and accounts, might be, because the Concordatum Fund, out of which those disbursements have usually been made, was as that time considerably overdrawn. If his Majesty shall think fit to direct payment out of the revenue at large (which is the method of payment by concordatum), it will be a just relief to the petitioner. Dublin Castle, 19 June 1719.

Minuted:—"5th August 1719. Order'd accordingly."

The petition referred to, and a copy of the same, and a copy of a report on the same subject, dated Council Chamber, Dublin, 3 May 1717. 5 *pages.*

23 June. 47. Report of the Earl of Halifax to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Sir Charles Farnaby, Kn^{t}, Auditor of the several Lotteries, in respect to the disposal by the late Paymaster and Controller of the Classis Lottery of the vacant apartments in or near the Exchequer, lately occupied by William Lechmere, Esq., late a Controller of Lottery, and others. Exchequer, 23 June 1719.

Minuted:—"22^{d} July. Respited."

Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

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1719. [? About 25 June.] 48. Petition of Thomas Wells to the Lords of the Treasury. Was the first discoverer of the Rebellion in April 1715, and was "instantly" employed by the Government to gain further information of the designs of the conspirators. Gave daily informations of the motions, resolutions, and intended enterprises of the abettors in the said Rebellion. In particular, in a letter of 18 July, is contained petitioner's reason for apprehending that the conspirators had fixed upon the night between the 21st and 22nd of July, to put some part of their rebellious enterprises in execution. Upon the 20th of July, his Majesty declared in Parliament his certain advices of a Rebellion actually begun, to be supported from abroad. The several regiments of militia of London and Westminster were under arms on the day specified in the letter above mentioned. Petitioner, by a letter at 2 o'clock on the 21st signified by the best information he could learn, that the designs of the conspirators were dissipated for the present. The several regiments of militia under arms were dismissed about 8 o'clock that evening, and the guards. infantry, and cavalry were commanded to encamp in Hyde Park, Petitioner procured some of the principal heads of the Pretender's proclamation, which he sent to Lord Townshend, with a supplication that he (petitioner) might not be ruined. His L^p instantly withdrew from the board, and said that the intelligence must not on any account be omitted. Was employed by the late Postmaster-General, and attended the Lord Cornwallis, and gave certain reasons why he could not carry on his intelligence without manifest danger of his life, except he were instantly discharged from the letter office. Whereupon he was instantly discharged on the "favour" that he should be otherwise provided for. On the 13th of August gave information of preparations making at divers ports in France for the Pretender to make a descent in England about the 2nd of September, and that a rebellion in Scotland was privately talked of with like assurance about the time fixed for the descent, which was confirmed by the public accounts on the 19th of September. Prevented designs upon several important fortresses. Attended Viscount Towshend every night during a considerable time in the height of the Rebellion by his L^p's express commands. Caused a most treasonable libel, written by a papist (entitled the Supplement to the Church of England's Advice to her Children, &c.), to be seized. Applied to Lord Somers to move the Government in his favour, and Lord Somers referred the matter to Lord Townshend, and a promise was made that care should be taken of him. Petitioner remains a great sufferer, excluded from the reversion of an estate of 180*l.* per ann., adjoining to the "Duke of Gloucester's Head" tavern in S^t James' Street, Westminster, on account of his secret service, and by the surrender of his employ in 1715. Has a wife and "several small infants." Prays relief.

On the back is an Order in Council referring the matter to the Lords of the Treasury. 3 *pages.*

26 June. 49. Robert Armstrong to Charles Burniston, Esq. Has this day received his "deputation." This province has been the only place

for 60 years that has supplied the Crown with masts, yards, and bowsprits. With continual diligence of the Surveyor it is possible to keep the inhabitants from cutting the trees. The province is of such consequence to the Crown that Mr Bridger, the late Surveyor was obliged to continue altogether in the province, which rendered him incapable of attending the other parts of the survey. The officer should have such encouragement as not to render him liable to temptation from the inhabitants, by which the Crown has been no small sufferer. It was always the opinion of the Lords of Trade and the Treasury that the Collector of this province was the proper person to take care of the woods of New Hampshire. New Hampshire, New England, June 26, 1719. 1½ *pages.*

30 June. 50. A general debt or demand for transport service to 30 June 1719.

Minuted:—"15th July 1719. Direct the Comptrs of the Army Accounts to hasten their Report upon these deductions." 2 *pages.*

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[? June or July.] 1. Copy of report of E. Wilcox and Edw. Younge to the Lords of the Treasury, on a claim by John Barton for works in the parks and forests for her late Majesty. Is of opinion that 804*l.* 16*s.* 9*d.* is due to him. [? June or July 1719.] 1 *page.*

1 July. 2. Report of R. Powys to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of William Sharp, Esq., praying that he may receive the salary of 2,000*l.* a year usually paid to the Governor of Barbadoes, he having been first counsellor of that island, and on the recall of Robert Lowther, Esq., the Governor in 1713–14, continued the government there. Leaves it to their Lordships' pleasure to determine whether he shall be paid the whole salary of 2,000*l.* or only half, and whether it shall commence from 7 April 1714 or from 24 April, when Mr Lowther left. 1 July 1719.

The memorial referred to, and five other papers on the same subject.

The memorial is *minuted:*—"23d July 1719. State so as to avoid a double paymt; 5th Sepr 1721. To be paid the halfe sallary for the time he acted. 12th Do. Warrt signd." 9½ *pages.*

3 July. 3. Report of H. Cholmley, Surveyor-General, to "their Lps" on the memorial of the Rt Hon. William Clayton, Esq., who desired a lease for 50 years of a little piece of ground in St James's park, by mistake omitted out of a lease he lately passed, of a small tenement in the stable yard at St James's. The dimensions are 31 ft. 6 in. by 24 ft. 9 in., and the lease might be granted at a ground rent of 10*s.* per ann. July 3, 1719.

Also the memorial. 2 *pages.*

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8 July. 4. W^m Popple (for the Com^rs of Trade and Plantations), to Charles Stanhope, Esq. Sends copy of a paragraph of a letter from Sir Nicholas Lawes on the subject of his Majesty's proportion of seizures at Jamaica. Whitehall, July 8, 1719.

The letter referred to, in which he says that his Majesty reaps little advantage from seizures, the greater part being swallowed up in extravagant and unnecessary charges and salaries. 2½ *pages.*

8 July. 5. Memorial to the Lords of the Treasury of the original creditors and other proprietors of the public debts of Scotland residing there, for which provision has been lately made by Parliament. Memorialists apprehend the meaning and intent of the Act to be, that his Majesty may give suitable encouragement and powers for them to improve their stock and interest in the debt. Hope their L^ps will appoint books to be opened at Edinburgh for receiving the subscriptions of the proprietors in Scotland, and books for transfer, &c. Edinburgh, 8 July 1719. 17 *signatures.* 1 *page.*

[After 14 July.] 6. "A copy of A. Cracherode's report on the petition of William Rhett, jun^r, and the claimes of Capt. Gordon and Capt. Brand, and several others for taking and convicting pirates."

M^r Cracherode reports on the following matters, viz.:—The Governor of South Carolina (Robert Johnson, Esq.), appointed Col. W^m Rhett to be commander of two sloops fitted out to take certain pirates which infested the coast, and the Col., at Cape Fear River, took a pirate sloop called the "Revenge," *alias* the "Royal James," and the commander and crew, consisting of 35 men, were executed. Petitioner Rhett prayed an order for payment to him of 890*l.* for the captors. As to the claims of Capt. Gordon, of H.M. ship "Pearl," and Capt. Brand, of H.M. ship the "Lyme," the Lieut.-Governor of Virginia (Spotswood) certifies that two ships were hired and furnished with pilots at his expense, and armed by Gordon and Brand, and were sent to North Carolina to apprehend and destroy Edward Thatch, a notorious pirate, and his crew. Ten pirates were killed on Thatch's sloop, and eight more taken prisoners. Four other pirates, by name W^m Howard, Henry Mann, W^m Stoke, and Adult Van Pelt, were taken by Capt. Gordon, and were convicted before the Court of Admiralty. The Governor of the Bahama Islands (Woodes Rogers, Esq.) certifies that 13 persons were taken in the act of piracy by Capt. Benj. Heringold and Capt. John Cochran, who had his commission for that purpose. The Governor conceives the captors have merited the rewards promised, amounting to 380*l.* M^r Cracherode has considered the letter and instrument of Daniel Rossant and Benjamin White, inhabitants of Harbour Islands, in New Providence, respecting 200*l.* due to them for having delivered into the hands of the above Governor of the Bahama Islands five pirates, the reward being claimed under a scale quoted. [After 14 July 1719, from mention of letter of attorney of that date.] 8 *pages.*

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1719. 15 July. 7. Report of the Barons of the Exchequer of Scotland to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Mr James Smith. Refer to a former report made by them on the same subject. Mr James Smith was surveyor of the works in North Britain, and made several surveys and estimates of works to be done about the "Palace of Holyrood House, Fort William, and otherwise," and received nothing for his services but 40*l.* from the Board of Ordnance, soon after the Union, for the surveys and estimates he then made, and what he has since received from the same Board, and the 100*l.* paid him as mentioned in the former report. Think him a proper object of the Royal bounty. Edinb. Excheqr Chambr, July 15, 1719.

The petition referred to. 3 *pages.*

[? About 16 July.] 8. Petition of John Leith, of White Haugh, Esq., to the Lords of the Treasury. In April 1689, after King James's abdication, the Convention of States sitting in Scotland appointed the late Lord Forbes Lord Lieut. of the shire of Aberdeen, who prevailed with petitioner "to accept a commission to act as colonel of militia against the enemies of the King and the happy Revolution, who then absconded in the Highlands." Petitioner was faithful to his trust and true to the King and the Protestant interest, for which the King's enemies assembled a considerable army of Highlanders, vassals to the Duke of Gordon and Earl of Mar, who plundered petitioner's tenants in the parish of Tillinessel and shire of Aberdeen, to the value of above 1,000*l.*, which he had to make up to them. Petitioner never made any demand on the Government, but was forced to put his small fortune in some order after the depredations, and on account of his poor young grandson. The latter should of right be the representative of the ancient family of Tolquhon, but was driven by the descendants of his own family from his estate and house, particularly by Forbes of Ballogie, who several years ago brought that family to a morsel of bread. Has brought encumbrances upon himself by his real affection for Tolquhon and numerous family, they being on the 5th of Sep. 1718, most barbarously assaulted by a party of his Majesty's forces, belonging to Col. Egerton's regiment, sent out by Francis Fleming, commandant at Aberdeen, and Lewis Dean, ancient commander of that party. Petitioner says that his son-in-law did "not expect fire and sword, not knowing himself guilty of the least crime against his Matie, neither did he apprehend the Lords of the Session to have that power in Scotland without his Maties and Privy Council's orders, because contrary to the claim of right and articles of the Union. However it is, the poor gentleman was wounded himself, and the young man that taught their children shot through the body, who dyed the next day; it being the gracious Providence of Almighty God that preserved yor petrs daughter, being in the most apparent danger, they had the cruelty to shoot at her as in design, and at the children, as if design'd not to leave a mark of their generation upon the earth. They have kept Tolquhon himself (ever since) as prisoner to the Government. Especially, the

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time his wound was at the worst, the centinels was so strict that his spouse (having no servant allow'd) was oblig'd for several weeks successively not to partake of the benefit of common natural rest, nor allowed her to go to bed, but as it was, in open field; and their servants are ever since kept prisoners. 'Tis acknowledged the party came against them in the name of ejecting them," &c. Prays for consideration. The family of Tolquhon is ruined unless redressed.

Minuted:—"16th July 1719. Left to the law." 2 *pages.*

[? About 16 July.] 9. Memorial of David Casley, Deputy Keeper of his Majesty's and the Cottonian Libraries, to the Lords of the Treasury. The ruinous condition of the house wherein the libraries are kept has been represented to the Comrs of Works, but Mr Benson raised a doubt whether the repair belonged to them, because the House of Commons have lately debated the building of a new library. Pray for speedy directions as to the repairs, as the damage which may be done by the rain will be irreparable.

Minuted:—"16th July 1719. My Lords conceive this repair ought to be a publique charge." 1 *page.*

[? About 16 July.] 10. A state of the case of Sir John Lambert and other merchants, in relation to their provisions and stores embargoed and seized for the use of the English garrison in Alicant, in Spain. Addressed to the Comrs to state and determine the debts due to the army.

On the back is:—"Dd by Mr Rudge and Mr Crosse. 16 July 1719." 1 *page, brief size.*

[? About 17 July.] 11. Representation of Jezreel Jones to the Lords of the Treasury. Sets out the grounds of the charges in his petition to their Lordships, viz.:—He was appointed by Queen Anne (1) to treat with the Morocco Ambassador for settling the articles of peace, and was employed as interpreter; (2) to treat with the Viceroy of Morocco; (3) he was sent with presents to the Emperor and Viceroy; (4) he received instructions and powers from the Comrs for the redemption of captives in Barbary. Besides other services, he was constantly at great expense during the residence of Ambassadors from those parts, and in translating Spanish and Arabic letters, and interpreting at audiences, &c.

Ten other papers relating to the same affairs, and a duplicate of the above representation.

Minuted:—"17th July 1719. Read." 17 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

[? About 17 July.] 12. Petition to the Lords of the Treasury of David Kiragos, brother-in-law and executor of Don Benturi de Zari, late Ambassador from the Emperor of Morocco. Petitioner, in April last, petitioned on the subject of his claims on the 500*l.* ordered by his Majesty to defray the charges of the Ambassador's sickness and funeral, &c. The matter was referred to Mr Cracherode, who reported that the facts were true. Their Lps respited the petition. Prays that they will resume the matter and make an order thereupon.

Minuted:—"17th July 1719. Rejected." 1¼ *pages.*

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[? About 17 July.] 13. Petition of John Martin, keeper of the lions, to the King. The keeper of the lions, by former grants for a 100 years past, had 18*d.* a day for the office, and 12*d.* a day for provision for each lion, lioness, and leopard. There are now nine lions and leopards, besides other creatures, and he has not had a penny allowed him for their charge, whereby he is very much impoverished. Prays that he may have a grant of the office for 40 years, with the usual allowances.

Minuted :—"17th July 1719. Send to the office where the Tower bills are paid, to know whether he be left out, (if so) for what cause; but my Lords will not advise the King to grant for life."

Again :—"22 Augt 1719. He accepted the office exclusive of the fees and allowances he now pretends to, and by his grant it will appear those fees were meant to be extinguished and annihilated for the future." *Also* :—"22d July 1719. Rejected."

With it is another petition, pretty nearly to the same effect, *minuted*: "9 May 1719, rejected." 2 *pages.*

[? About 17 July.] 14. Memorial of John Saffin, late Collector of Customs at the port of Montrose, to the Lords of the Treasury. During the Rebellion in Scotland in 1715 and 16, the town, being in the hands of the rebels, he was offered by them to be continued as collector. This he refused, upon which, and his advising several of the gentlemen in the neighbourhood to oppose and prevent the designs of the rebels, he was committed by them to prison, robbed of all they could lay hands on, and used in a most barbarous manner till the Pretender left the town and embarked for France, on which he made his escape to the King's army, which he met near Dundee, and acquainted the Earl of Cadogan with all that related to the Pretender and his flying army His Lp said he had heard of the hard usage he had received, but now was an eye-witness of it, and would recommend him for consideration, and on his return from the north of Scotland to Edinburgh his Lp obtained leave from the Comrs of Customs for him to go to London with his Lp; but as there were several thousand pounds worth of goods secured by the memorialist, which had been landed in the time of the Rebellion, and the duties paid by the late Ld Marr's order to his collector, he declined going to London till the duties were again paid to the Crown. He afterwards went, and waited seven months under the promise that he should be preferred. Then he returned to his duties until superseded to make room for James Scot. Prays for the grant of 50*l.* per annum until he is provided for.

Minuted :—"17th July 1719. Ordered. See if it can be paid by the Comrs Cust. in Scotl." 1 *page.*

[? About 17 July.] 15. Memorial of James Brudenell, master of the Jewel House, to the Lords of the Treasury. Asks that the staircase leading up to the Jewel House in the Tower of London, which is in danger of falling, may be rebuilt, and for some convenience in lieu of the apartment taken down by the Office of Ordnance, it being too near the Grand Armoury.

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Minuted:—"17th July 1719. My Lords cannot advise the King to be at any expense out of the Civil List revenues for this building." 1 *page*.

20 July. 16. Mr Auditor Walpole to "My Lords." In reply to the inquiry whether there is any revenue in the plantations under his audit unappropriated, to furnish 324*l*. 14*s*. 8*d*. to be laid out in presents to be made to the five Indian nations. As to the revenues of New York, the quit-rents there, for want of a rent roll, are in such confusion that they bring in scarce sufficient to answer the charge of collection. As for the money raised for the civil government, the Assembly there, having in an extraordinary manner displaced the Crown officers from the receipt and audit of those revenues, he (Mr Walpole) is unable to give any account of them. Mr Roscow, the Receiver in Virginia, has money in hand above the charge of the civil government, from which the sum required may be remitted. 20 July 1719.

Minuted:—"23d July 1719. Read and respited." 2 *pages*.

21 July. 17. Representation of the Comrs for Stamp Duties to the Lords of the Treasury, that they have laid before their Lps both an account of gold in the hands of the Receiver-General of the Stamp Duties and of the distribution of stamps for London and Middlesex, as also in the hands of the country distributors, with the amount allowed them on the reduction of the gold. Not having received their Lps' warrant for making the allowances, they cannot discharge the same on their respective accounts. Stamp Office, 21 July 1719.

Minuted:—"22 July 1719. To be considered when the Parliamt meets." 1 *page*.

[? About 22 July.] 18. Report to the Lords of the Treasury of Mr Auditor Harley, on a report of the Comrs for stating the debts of the army, and as to the relief of several regiments from which detachments were made in 1710 and 1711 to garrison Annapolis Royal, from the charge laid on them for provisions furnished to the non-commissioned officers and private men of those detachments. The charge of the provisions will fall upon the personal pay of the captains, unless allowed by his Majesty. Certifies that the garrison was taken from the French in 1710, by a detachment made out of six regiments of Marines and the country troops of New England, to whom it is alleged it has been the custom always to allow both pay and provisions when they are upon service. Col. Vetch, who was appointed governor after the capture of the fortress, by direction of the Council of War, promised the garrison, whilst they served, pay and provisions to prevent mutiny and desertion and the loss of the place, which was immediately besieged again by the French and Indians. He avers that he received no direction from General Hill to discontinue the allowance of provisions as well as pay to the detachment out of the seven regiments of foot under his command, sent by him to relieve the first garrison of Marines and New England troops, and declares that as the place continued under a blockade by the enemy, and the soldiers laboured under great hardships and necessities, as well by want of clothing as provisions in that cold climate, he promised them the allowances both of pay and provisions, given to the former garrison, and directed their officers to supply them with shoes, stockings, brandy, tobacco, and other necessaries as far as their pay would go; and the officers took up money upon their bills on New England for procuring these necessaries. Further certifies that the charge is for effectives only, and for provisions at the rate of 7½*d.* a day for each man, whereas the full subsistence of a private man is but 6*d.* a day. The charge made on the several regiments for the provisions, amounting to 5,693*l.* 16*s.* 2¾*d.* will fall upon the personal pay of the captains unless allowed.

The report mentioned, which is minuted, to be referred to the auditor on 22 July 1719. 5 *pages.*

[? About 22 July.] 19. Representation to the Lords of the Treasury of the Rector and his Assessors, and of the Principal, Professors, and Masters of the University and King's College of Aberdeen. His Majesty's Com^rs^ of Visitation have represented the ruinous condition of the buildings, the extent of the debts contracted before the late settlement of this university, the deficiency of the funds, and mean provisions of the several masters, &c. His Majesty referred these things to their Lordships, who appointed Sir John Anstruther, Master of His Majesty's Works in Scotland, to estimate the charges of repair, &c. The buildings are in such a ruinous condition that the principal is forced to hire lodgings elsewhere. Gentlemen are discouraged in sending their children to the university, and unless some repairs are made they cannot, without danger, attend upon their duties. Have already purchased a considerable quantity of materials. Pray that his Majesty may be moved to appoint supplies from the Royal bounty.

Minuted:—"22^d^ July 1719. To be read when M^r^ Baillie comes." 1 *page.*

23 July. 20. Memorial of the South Sea Company to the Lords of the Treasury, desiring their L^ps^ to grant a warrant to ascertain the sum to be paid by them into the Exchequer. Signed "Rob. Knight." Dated 23 July 1719. 1 *page.*

28 July. 21. "An abstract of the total charges for y^e^ present expedition mentioned in the memorial from the Board of Ordnance." 28 July 1719. 1 *page.*

29 July. 22. Ch. Delafaye, for the Lords Justices, to the Lords of the Treasury. Asking that orders may be given for three months' pay to the staff and other officers and the forces under Lord Cobham, whom his Majesty has appointed to be employed in an expedition beyond sea, and for 2,000*l.* for the contingent expenses. Whitehall, 29 July 1719. 1 *page.*

30 July. 23. Report of the Barons of the Exchequer of Scotland to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of M^r^ George Ogilvie. Finds that he was left out of the quarterly list (therein mentioned) of salaries as his Majesty's limner, upon a suggestion that he was concerned in the late Rebellion in 1715, but being deaf and dumb, and

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not having been prosecuted, they have no objection to his being restored to his salary. Edinb. Excheq^{r} Chamber, 30 July 1719.

Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

31 July. 24. "The representation of George, Earl of Halifax, for the repair of the road in Hampton Court Park, with their Lordships' order of reference to M^{r} Watkins, Surveyor of the Roads, with his report and estimate thereon."

Minuted:—"5 Aug. 1719. The charge not exceeding this estimate shalbe p̃d him en^{o} to have ye work done next spring before the K. goes to reside at Hampton Court."

The report is dated 31 July 1719. 2 *pages.*

3 Aug. 25. Report of Edward Young to the Lords of the Treasury. Has inquired by what right and title the present possessors of the woods and ground called Snead and Kiddenhalls in the Forest of Dean, have lately cut and coaled the woods there. Traces the same from 1 James I. to the grant of the reversion of the same to Sir John Winton, but inasmuch as the right to the said woods and ground claimed by the Lady Winton, or by [James] Nevill, Esq., her husband, is matter of law, conceives it falls under the inspection of the Attorney-General. 3 Aug. 1719. 1 *page.*

8 Aug. 26. Com^{rs} of Forfeited Estates, Scotland, to the [Secretary of the Treasury]. Ask him to lay the enclosed and their last quarterly bill before their Lordships. The defence of the rights of the Crown and public against the exceptions that have been lodged before the Court of Session, the arrears to their officers and clerks, &c. require a present supply, or the business will be at a stand. If assisted, they hope to be able to put some of the forfeited estates to sale, and thereby bring in a considerable sum. The 2,000*l.* mentioned in their letter to the Lords of the Treasury would carry on their business to Michaelmas. Edinburgh, 8 Aug. 1710.

Accompanied by the account of salaries and incident charges of the Com^{rs}, &c. and by the letter of the Com^{rs} to the Lords of the Treasury, which states that the necessary demands of money for the defence of the rights of the public against such as pretend to forfeited estates, by exceptions presented to the Court of Session, and for prosecuting in the Exchequer those who refuse to pay the moneys they have levied from the forfeited estates without process, together with the arrears of salaries due to their officers and clerks, make them entreat their L^{ps} to order 2,000*l.* to be advanced to their account. Edinborough, 6 Aug. 1719.

Also an account of the moneys issued to the Com^{rs} for payment of salaries, &c. 4 *pages.*

[After 25 Aug.] 27. R^{t} Gardner to the Lords of the Treasury. Delivered a memorial in November last relating to the provisions and hardships of the garrisons of Annapolis Royal and Placentia. Those at Placentia have been long without bread; prays their L^{ps}' directions. The last provisions were sent in July 1718 for one year only. They have no fund to pay the 4*d.* a day stopped for a complete regiment, &c. The regiment was formed on 24 Aug. 1717, &c. There have been great murmurings and complaints amongst the men, almost to mutiny, about their stinted allowance and badness of the provisions. Entreats their Lordships to contract for their supply or allow them to receive their complete subsistence from 24 April last, with one penny a man more per diem.

Minuted:—" M^{r} Missing (if he thinks proper to undertake this matter) is to make a proposal immediately." 1½ *pages.*

1 Sept. 28. M^{r} John Bridger to the Hon. William Lowndes, Esq. Learns that the Com^{rs} of Trade and Plantations have recommended him to the Treasury as entitled to the salary, whilst he does the duties of his office. Will continue the care of his Majesty's woods. No person has as yet appeared to suspend him. Hopes their Lordships will give an order for his salary to be paid. Boston, New England, 1 Sept. 1719.

Minuted:—"22 Oct^{r} 1719. My Lords think M^{r} Burniston's patent be revoked before any sall^{a} be paid to M^{r} Bridger." 1 *page.*

[After 12 Sept.] 29. A paper containing various observations respecting Acts touching hawkers and pedlars, and as to concealment of Revenue for five years. Also Treasury Minutes connected with these affairs. The last is dated 12 Sept. 1719. Further, copy of a letter, dated 19 March 1718–19, from M^{r} W^{m} Lowndes to the Auditor of the Receipt of the Exchequer, giving directions from the Lords of the Treasury for an account to be made of the surpluses of the Aggregate Fund, the South Sea Company's Fund, and the General Fund, and for them to be entered in a book in his office. 3 *pages.*

28 Sept 30. M^{r} Secretary Stanhope to M^{r} Lowndes. As the King has signed a warrant for 1,000*l.* as a present to M^{r} Chiphausen, the King of Prussia's minister, who is sent over to M^{r} Bonet, Lord Sutherland desires the money may be paid at the Treasury as soon as possible. M^{r} Lowther is to discharge the fees. Gohre, Sept. 28 1719, O.S.

Minuted:—"10th Oct. 1719. M^{r} Lowther is to receive y^{e} warr^{t} when it is bro^{t}." 1 *page, quarto.*

29 Sept. 31. Memorial of the Com^{rs} of Customs, Scotland, to the Lords of the Treasury. The city of Edinburgh and towns adjacent have been supplied with East Indian goods, groceries, &c. imported from Holland at the port of Borrowstoness, and instead of the goods being brought from London, a great part of what has been clandestinely imported has been conveyed over the borders into England. This gave reason to suspect the officers of the port of Borrowstoness. Find that two of the officers and most of the tidewaiters have received bribes and rewards from the masters of ships and merchants for conniving at this unfair trade. Have given directions to prosecute the officers and merchants, and have dismissed the officers and appointed others. Custom House, Edinburgh, 29 Sept. 1719.

With a note to M^{r} Lowndes asking him to lay the above before their Lordships.

Minuted:—"15 Oct. 1710. Read." 1 *page and* 2 *halves.*

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[? About 29 Sept.] 32. "Orders which our pleasure is shall be observed for our better service in the office of our works, to begin from Michas. 1719." 13 *pages*. *A draft.*

[? About 29 Sept.] 33. [Docquet.] "Charges in erecting several offices at the Bank of England for payment of annuitys."

"This sent to the Auditor."

The last of the incident charges is to Michaelmas 1719. 6 *pages*.

5 Oct. 34. [Docquet.] "Produce of small branches of the Civil List for one-year ended at Michas. 1719."

A paper addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, from the Auditor's Office of the Exchequer, signed Hopton Haynes. Dated 5 Oct. 1719. 1 *page*.

7 Oct. 35. J. Holbech to the Lords of the Treasury. Sends an account of the debt to H.M.'s servants and others in the office of Treasurer of the Chamber, from Lady-day to Michaelmas 1719.

The account or "estimate" referred to. 2 *pages*.

7 Oct. 36. A computation of the produce, &c. of the office of Alienations, sent by the Comrs of Alienations to the Lords of the Treasury, in answer to a letter of Mr Lowndes of 2 Oct. 1719. Dated 7 Oct. 1719. 1 *page*.

30 July and 10 Oct. 37. Comrs of Forfeitures to [? Mr Lowndes]. Enclose certificate of the absence of Richard Grantham, Esq. and Sir Richard Steele, to be laid before the Lords of the Treasury. The absence of these gentlemen from their duty for two years has been a great hindrance to the business of the Commission, and a considerable detriment to the country. Edinburgh, 30 July 1719.

The Same to [the Same]. Enclose a "third" similar certificate. Have sold four of the forfeited estates, amounting to 129,246*l*. 13*s*. 9½*d*. 10 Oct. 1719.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. 22, p. 200, 23 July 1719 (relating apparently to a previous representation) is:—"Sir Richard Steele, one of the Commrs for Forfeitures, is call'd in. My Lords acquaint him that the Commrs in Scotl. are at a stand in their business for want of two of their brethren's attendance. He promises to set out in a few days, and to make amends for his former neglect by his future diligence." 2 *pages*.

[? About 10 Oct.] 38. Petition of Thomas Sabourn, of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, tailor, to the Lords Justices. About May 1717, delivered a memorial setting forth his case and sufferings by his being chiefly instrumental in raising for the service of his Majesty and Government about six or seven hundred Protestant dissenters in one day at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, at the time of the late most unnatural Rebellion in Northumberland, when the rebels were within a few miles of Newcastle. His Majesty referred the memorial to the Lords of the Treasury, with directions for them to provide a place in the Customs for the petitioner. As the result, their Lps gave him only 40*l*., whereupon he applied again to his Majesty, who promised he should be taken care of. Lord Stanhope proffered him any place he thought himself capable of; but the Schism Bill being then in force, petitioner could not accept of the same, and Lord Sunderland and Mr Secretary Craggs, considering the hardness of his case, each gave him a present. Petitioner returning to Newcastle was employed by several gentlemen well affected to the Government, and the officers of Col. Kirke's regiment, out of regard to petitioner's sufferings, employed him in making their clothes, so that he was in a fair way of doing well, which so exasperated the disaffected that they contrived his ruin by setting his creditors upon him, who seized what he had. Prays for the first vacant place under his Majesty as footman, messenger, yeoman of the guards, &c.

Also copy of a certificate in his favour.

Minuted:—"10th Octobr 1719. Read & respited till Ld Sunderland is here." 2 *pages*.

[? About 10 Oct.] 39. Memorial of the several officers belonging to the garrison and companies at Placentia, to the Lords of the Treasury. John Mulcaster has made considerable progress in making up the accounts of the garrison from 24 Apr. 1713 to 24 Aug. 1717, but finds he cannot make a perfect state of the accounts unless the officers be relieved. Pray that proper warrants may be directed to relieve them in the particulars of which they complain, and that the companies may be abated one third of the charge made on them for the Canada clothing, to prevent their utter ruin.

Minuted:—"10th Octobr 1719. Respited." 2 *pages*.

[? About 10 Oct.] 40. Petition of Mary Baker, executrix of Capt. Henry Baker, late Solicitor for the Affairs of the Treasury, to the Lords of the Treasury. The auditors, on a reference of his accounts, were of opinion that 14*l*. 6*s*. 8*d*. ought not to be allowed on the claim, but that the rest was not unreasonable. Nothing further was done during his life time, as he was immediately sent into Kent upon the affairs of the Government, to prevent persons coming that way on the then intended invasion, and he died about 10 days after his return. Petitioner received Henry Baker's salary about a year since. Has endeavoured to get his final account passed, and has paid 140*l*. for fees in passing his former accounts; but the auditors cannot finish the account without their Lps' directions. Prays that the report may be taken into consideration and directions given.

Minuted:—"10th Octor 1719. Respited till my Lord Sunderland is at the Treasury." *Again*:—"Allowances made p wt."

Also two reports of the auditors and a memorial of Henry Baker. 6½ *pages*.

[? About 10 Oct.] 41. Proposal of Francis Nicholson to the Lords of the Treasury, viz., that the garrisons of Annapolis Royal and Placentia be victualled from Great Britain, the species being thought much better in quality and for keeping than any to be got in New England or parts adjacent; that a year's provisions be kept always in store; that the provisions be had at Plymouth; that the men-of-war bound to Newfoundland as convoy to the fishery, transport part if not all, and if they cannot, then that it be shipped by vessels from Poole, Weymouth, Plymouth, Falmouth, or Bideford, "bound thither a fishing," which go almost empty, and would be glad of a freight; "and as for those that go to Annapolis Royal (if they have a mind now there is a Governor)" they may make as good a voyage on the coast of Nova Scotia as at Newfoundland, there being as good fishing, if not better; that the provisions be sent by divers ships; that notice be sent of the provisions to be shipped and for the garrisons to unlade, &c.

P.S.—A good quantity of fish should be kept in garrison and a sufficiency of oil and butter.

Minuted:—"10th Octor 1719. Read 15 Octr 1719. Ref. to Commrs victualling to give their opinion hereupon." 2 *pages*.

14 Oct. 42. Board of Green Cloth to the Lords of the Treasury. Are obliged by the many complaints received from H.M. servants and others who are injured by a grant claimed by Mr Benson, in Whitehall, to represent that he pretends to much more ground than was in the grant made to Sir Stephen Fox. He has taken out of the Woodyard, which was before divided between the King and Prince of Wales' purveyors, above 20 feet by 12. He claims a right also to the old granary or storehouse over the dock which has been employed ever since the Revolution to lay up goods used at coronations and entertainments of ambassadors, and was also used upon his Majesty's going beyond sea and return home, to lodge the King's goods and baggage, &c. The want of this will be attended with great inconvenience, there being no place in Whitehall in room thereof. He lays claim to a lodging of the Second Clerk of the Kitchen, which he and his predecessors have enjoyed by virtue of their office for many years, and which never was any part of Sir Stephen Fox's grant. Besides which, the only passage that leads to several lodgings and offices is shut up, whereby the inhabitants would be deprived of the use of their lodgings, &c., if Mr English, his Majesty's Yeoman of the Woodyard, did not permit them to pass through the same. This never was or ought to be a common thoroughfare. Board of Greencloth, 14 Oct. 1719.

Minuted:—"15th Octobr 1719. Read." 2 *pages*.

15 Oct. 43. *Docqueted*:—"Auditor Harley's Report in relation to Sir Solomon de Medina's demand for bread, payable out of the arrears due to the Landgrave of Hesse Cassell."

The Auditor submits whether his Majesty's warrant may not reasonably be granted to authorize the Comrs for stating the debts of the army to satisfy the demand out of the arrears due to the Landgrave upon the accounts settled with and signed by his Commissary-General, notwsthstanding the lists of effectives, orders of the generals and the particular receipts have not been produced. 15 Oct. 1719.

Also copy of the 4th and 5th article of Sir Sol. de Medina's contract.

Minuted:—"30th Oct. 1719. Send the Commrs' report to the Audrs to prepare a wt as usuall." 7½ *pages*.

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30 Oct. 44. Report of the Attorney and Solicitor-General to the Lords of the Treasury, on a draft of a minute upon a hearing between the Commissioners of the Customs and the East India Company, relating to the duties demanded for the stores by them shipped off for their forts in India, together with the report made by the late Attorney-General thereupon. The East India Company claim an exemption from the payment of customs for the stores exported by them for the use of the forts in India. Are of opinion there is no ground, in point of law for the exemption, and that the stores are liable to the payment of customs. 30 Oct. 1719.

Minuted :—" 5 Nov. 1719. My Lords agree wth the opinions of M^{r} Attor. and M^{r} Soll^{r}. Com^{rs} say the dutys of these stores are 3 or 400^{li} a year. But when ye Comp^{a} applys, there may be an order for a deposit for sometime to be applyed if not releived by Parl^{t} within that time."

The draft of the minute referred to and three other papers on the same subject. 7 *pages and two halves.*

30 Oct. 45. Memorial of Sir Bibye Lake, Bart., to the Lords of the Treasury. Represented in August last that the Lord High Treasurer, in 1713, directed that 3,007*l.* 3*s.* 11½*d.* South Sea Stock, then in the hands of the Paymaster-General, should be used to pay the two last clothing assignments belonging to petitioner, and also the three first clothing assignments of the Marine regiments belonging to him, amounting to 7,885*l.* 5*s.* 2¾*d.*, and directed to be paid by Sir Roger Mostyn, late Paymaster-General of the Marines. The latter, however, had only 5,053*l.* 4*s.* 3¼*d.* in hand, which was ordered by their L^{ps} to be paid to petitioner. These sums being diverted to other uses, petitioner had paid 2,257*l.* 4*s.* 10½*d.* into the Exchequer, and deposited the assignments in discharge of the debt of 13,149*l.* 10*s.* 7½*d.*, due from Robert Peter to the Crown. Petitioner prayed their L^{ps} to order the replacing the stock, and to grant Peter's estates to petitioner, pursuant to his agreement with the Lords of the Treasury. Their L^{ps} directed that petitioner might apply to the Com^{rs} for stating the public debts for the two first assignments, and for the remainder due to the Marines of the three last-mentioned assignments, after the 5,053*l.* 4*s.* 3¼*d.* should be paid by Sir Roger Mostyn. Petitioner by this method would be a very great sufferer, as he would lose all the dividends paid on the stock, &c., and the said Peter's estate is much impaired, and goes daily to ruin. Petitioner entered into articles with M^{r} Robert King, one of Peter's sureties, to discharge the Crown debt, and being now under prosecution in Chancery to perform his contract, has been arrested, and has given 12,000*l.* bail, and will be ruined, unless the debt to the Crown is discharged, which can only be paid out of the assignments. Prays their L^{ps} to find out a speedy method for discharging the Crown debt, and for granting a conveyance of Peter's estate. Oct. 30, 1719.

Minuted :—" Read 6 Nov^{r} 1719. He must apply to the Com^{rs} of the Army debts for part. As to what is in the hands of Sir

Roger Mostyn, my Lords will require him to pay it as soon as he comes up." 2 *pages.*

31 Oct. 46. Fr. Negus to "My Lords." Has, pursuant to his Majesty's warrant of 8 May 1719, examined and stated the account of Richard Marshall, stud-master, for the expenses of the royal stud and running horses. There is a balance of 133*l.* 14*s.* 3*d.* due to the latter. Annexes the account. October 31, 1719.

The account referred to. 6 *pages.*

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12 Nov. 1. Computation of the amount of subsidy lately agreed on his Majesty's behalf to be advanced to the Queen of Sweden. The amount was 65,576*l.* 16*s.* Signed: Wm Sloper, Nov. 12, 1719. 1 *page.*

18 Nov. 2. Copy of report of the Board of General Officers appointed to enquire into the pretensions of the half pay officers in Ireland, with various lists of officers. Dated 18 Nov. 1719. Also four other similar lists and one rough draft. Also copy of "King's letter appointing a Board to examine the pretensions of half-pay officers." Dated 23 March 1718–19. 53 *pages.*

19 Nov. 3. Memorial of William Watkins, Surveyor of his Majesty's Private Roads, to the Lords of the Treasury. Was, by patent of 12 Sept. 1716, constituted Keeper of his Majesty's private roads, gates, and bridges, and conductor or guide to his Majesty's person, by which he was entitled to the benefits of all contracts for keeping up and repairing the roads. In lieu of these advantages had, by sign manual of 12 April 1717, a grant of a salary of 200*l.* per ann. as an officer of the Board of Works, which Board was authorized to repair the roads. But his Majesty's late instructions for governing the office of works give no directions to the officers to take cognizance of the roads. Asks their Lps to signify their pleasure thereon. Dated 19 Nov 1719. 1 *page.*

[? About 24 Nov.] 4. Memorial to the King, of the Lords of Session, Judges' Delegates of Appeals from the Comrs and Trustees of the Forfeitures in Scotland. Five Lords of the Session are appointed to be a Court of Delegates for determining such appeals as shall be made from the Comrs and Trustees of Forfeited Estates in Scotland. The decision of such cases is exceedingly intricate, and has increased the trouble and attendance of the judges. The Lord Kimergem, for himself, and the other judges, lays the case before his Majesty, that he may give directions thereon.

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A note on 24 Nov. 1719 at the foot, refers the matter to the Lords of the Treasury.

Minuted:—"18 Xber 1719. The memorialists, if they think fit, may apply to Parlt." 2 *pages*.

25 Nov. 5. Report of A. Cracherode to the Lords of the Treasury, on the complaint sent up to the Com^rs^ of the Admiralty by W^m^ Hull, Esq., a justice of the peace of Devonshire, against one W^m^ John, an attorney of Exeter, for rescuing William Johnson, one of the rioters of Topsham, who assaulted and wounded Roger Barton, gent., and and others belonging to H.M. ship "Falmouth." Finds that the complaint of the rescue was made by M^r^ Justice Eyre, before he left Exeter, and that he summoned the said John to attend him, who then delivered up Johnson, and he is still in gaol for want of other sureties. Finds further that the said John takes all occasions to show his disaffection to his Majesty and the Government. Is of opinion that the annexed affidavits should be sent to the Attorney-General for an information to be prepared and filed against W^m^ John. 25 Nov. 1719.

Minuted:—"Read."

Five affidavits and two other papers. 9 *pages*.

25 Nov. 6. Report of the same to the same, on the abuses committed in Windsor Forest. Many of the woods, &c. have been felled and grubbed up, and the people threaten a total destruction of the covert. The people within the forest make their hedges so very high, and spike their gates in such a manner, that it is impossible for the deer safely to pass. The heath and turf is yearly carried off the forest and sold to the inhabitants of parishes which do not belong to the forest, nor have right to firing from thence. Great numbers of sheep are kept in the forest by persons who have no land in the forest, and the deer are deprived of their food. When offences are committed, the keepers can scarce prevail with the justices to take their affidavits, and when they do, they will not levy the penalties. [*Gives instances.*] As regards some of the offences named, they are not offences for which they can be prosecuted in any other court than the Forest Court, and according to the forest laws. And such prosecutions are very ineffectual, because the courts there are (1st), a 40-day's court, (2nd), a swainmote court, and (3rd), a justice in Eyre's court, and offences against the laws of the forest are first complained of at the 40-day's court, and then presented at the swainmote court (which is held but rarely), and after that cannot be tried but at a justice-in-Eyre's seat, which has not been held for this forest for many years, and is very expensive to the Crown. Besides which, by the late Act for the King's general pardon, all offences committed against the forest laws before 5 May 1717 are pardoned. The only method would be to exhibit against them an English information in the Exchequer. Gives his opinion as to what ought to have been done with one Herring, who had coursed certain deer, viz., a warrant ought to

1719. have been issued to levy 20*l.* forfeited by such offence, and for want of such distress Herring ought to have been committed to prison for a year. Dated 25 Nov. 1719.

Seven other papers in connection therewith. 13 *pages and* 4 *halves.*

26 Nov. 7. J. Burchett, for the Lords of the Admiralty, to the Secretaries of the Lords of the Treasury. Sends extract of a letter from Capt. Brand, late commander of H.M. ship, the "Lyme," upon his return from Virginia, complaining of Tobias Knight, collector of Customs of North Carolina, and Richard FitzWilliams, collector of the Lower district in James' River, Virginia, in taking part with the pirates, and contriving vexatious suits and prosecutions against H.M. ships. Admiralty Office, 26 Nov. 1719.

The extract named. 3 *pages.*

27 Nov. 8. Report of the Attorney-General (Lechmere) to the Lords of the Treasury, on the inclosed draft of a charter for incorporating the proprietors of debentures, which were chargeable on the fund for the Equivalent to Scotland. The Bank of England maintain that the corporation thereby intended is confined to the purposes limited by the Act of the last session, viz., for the receiving and distributing the annual sum of 10,000*l.* among the proprietors of the Equivalent, and that the charter to be granted ought to be pursuant to that Act; but the letters patent, according to the draft, would constitute the proprietors of the Equivalent debentures a corporation of a general and unlimited nature, with equal powers to the Bank of England, and with a further power of being a trading corporation, from which the Bank is restrained. This would infringe upon the privileges of the Bank of England. If passed into letters patent it would be illegal. On the behalf of the proprietors of the Equivalent debt it was insisted that altho' the receiving and distributing of the annual fund of 10,000*l.* was a great inducement to Parliament to empower the Crown to constitute them a corporation, yet his Majesty was not disabled from granting them larger powers. The Bank of Scotland claim to have been established by Act of 1695. Is of opinion that the corporation was intended to be erected for special purposes, viz., the receiving and distribution of the annual fund. The annual sum of 2,000*l.* settled, is directed to be applied to encourage the fishery, and such other manufactures and improvements in Scotland as may most conduce to the general good of the United Kingdom; but the capital sum or the annual sum granted in respect thereof, is no part of the capital stock of the "incorporation" intended. There is to be paid to the corporation 600*l.* per ann. for management. The King by his prerogative can annex any other legal privileges to the corporation, so that they are not inconsistent with the particular purposes to which the Act has restrained the intended corporation. Their Lordships ought not to pass the draft as it now stands. Dated 27 Nov. 1719. 8 *pages.*

[? About 27 Nov.] 9. Memorial of Robert Nicholson and Thomas Brigg to the Lords of the Treasury. Cannot prevail with Sir Isaac Newton to receive the five tons of copper. The latter has received several tons from Hines and Applebee. Pray for a warrant to have a cutter or cutters to size the bars, and for a renewal of their order to Sir Isaac Newton, who, observing that Hines and Applebee are incapable of delivering the blanks with round edges, says he will not receive any so prepared.

Minuted:—"Nov. 27, 1719. Write to Sr Isaac Newton to be here to-morrow at eleven with the petition."

Also copy of a previous minute.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. 22, p. 230, 28 Nov. 1719, is:—"Sir Isaac Newton says he is ready to receive the same if he has a warrant for so doing, not thinking a minute of the Treasury only, sufficient, and provided Nicholson and Briggs give security that their copper be English and not Barbary copper. My Lords respit the further consideration thereof, and direct an enquiry previously to be made of the characters of ye said Nicholson and Briggs." 2 *pages.*

Nov. 10. Memorial of the [Comrs of Excise] to the Lords of the Treasury. Two years since represented the sudden increase of drawbacks out of the duties on malt occasioned chiefly by the frauds of the maltsters in Norfolk and other parts, who work for exportation. The drawbacks have still increased. Forbearance has only encouraged the carrying on of their frauds. In several places in Norfolk they run out their malt to such a length upon the floor, that the goodness of the corn is thereby destroyed, and in lieu of malt they make a commodity of little or no value, but by which they obtain considerable sums for bounty money. If their Lps are of opinion that the putting in execution of the law of Edw. VI. for true making of malt would bear too hard on Norfolk, they will then only propose a remedy against the destruction of barley, viz., in the next Malt Act that no premium or drawback be allowed for any malt exported, but such as shall be well dried, rubbed, screened, and cleansed from "tailes and dust." This, they apprehend, would stop the frauds committed in making malt. The revenue has suffered by frauds by want of Custom House officers. This may be remedied by the next Malt Act, and by placing waiters on board to prevent re-landing the malt. "Novr 1719."

Also copy of memorial referred to, and two other papers touching drawbacks. 10½ *pages.*

2 Dec. 11. John Hanger, Governor of the Bank of [England], to "My Lord," laying before him an account of the Bank's late negotiations by exchange to prevent the exportation of our coin, upon which subject a deputation is ready to wait upon his Lordship. "Bank, 2 Dec. 1719."

The account referred to. 2 *pages.*

4 Dec. 12. Comrs of Excise, Scotland, to the Lords of the Treasury. Have made sundry representations of their difficulties in the management of the Excise which still remain, and require a Parliamentary remedy. [State their difficulty as regards the Scots gallon

in proportion to the barrel. *See* Vol. CIII., No. 16.] The Brewers, taking the benefit of the justices' sentence, detain one seventeenth of the duty charged by the officers, which gives great trouble to the collectors, and perplexes the accounts. The arrear amounts to upwards of 26,000*l.*, the greatest part of which will be lost. The victuallers, candlemakers, tanners and tawers in many of the isles and remote parts have so small a trade that the duties will not answer the expenses of surveying or making compositions with the persons chargeable. Are of opinion that they should be empowered to let these to farm. Excise Office, Edinburgh, 4 Dec. 1719.

Minuted :—" 1st July 1720. To be considered before the next meeting of Parl^{t}." 2 *pages.*

11 Dec. 13. " The Auditors of Imprests' Report of the state of all acco^{ts} depending before them." Signed : " T. Foley, Aud^{r} ; Jer. Oakeley, Deputat. Hon^{lis} Edv^{di} Harley, ar̃i, Audit^{ris}." Together with observations on the accounts. 11 Dec. 1719. 20 *pages.*

[About 12 Dec.] 14. Petition of Thomas Sabourne, tailor, of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, to the King. In November last petitioned his Majesty, stating the service he had rendered, particularly in the last rebellion in Northumberland, having principally raised 600 to 700 Reformed Protestants in Newcastle, when the rebels were near. For this is hated by H.M. enemies, who have endeavoured to ruin his family. Asks for a King's waitership for René Sabourne, his son. Prays for consideration. Adds that his trade brought him more than 200*l.* per ann. [French.]

Minuted :—" 12th Dec^{r} 1719. To be translated. My Lords h order'd him 100*l.* by M^{r} Lowther." 1 *page.*

12 Dec. 15. " Rep^{t} from y^{e} Comm^{rs} for Trade and Plant^{ns} upon y^{e} pet of the weavers ag^{t} the use of printed calicoes." 12 Dec. 1719.

Have discoursed with the Company of Weavers and the manufacturers of Norwich and Canterbury, also with the Turkey Company and the Italian merchants on the one side, and the linen drapers, merchants, and factors of North Britain, and the calico printers on the other side.

The *Company of Weavers*, London, and all the manufacturers and retailers who make and sell woollen and worsted stuffs, wrought silks and stuffs mixed with silk, thread, &c., assert that these manufactures have been exceedingly improved and increased since the trade with France, and the wearing of East India wrought silks, Bengals, stuffs, and printed calicoes. The home consumption has been plentifully supplied, and much greater quantities of stuffs have been exported of late. The materials are either of our own growth or purchased in other countries with British woollen goods and products, and 16,000 looms have been employed in and about London maintaining 160,000 persons. At Canterbury they keep 334 looms, and at Norwich 130,000 people. They argue that this kingdom has not only saved vast sums heretofore paid to France, East India, and other foreign countries, but has gained a notable additional consumption for its wool, augmented its foreign trade and navigation, and acquired many useful and profitable

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employments for the industrious poor. But they now complain that their manufactures are very much obstructed by the clandestine importation of foreign wrought silks and prohibited East India goods, but more especially by the almost universal wearing and using of printed and stained calicoes and linens, that their wrought silks and stuffs are either disused or only worn interchangeably with the prohibited East India goods, and printed calicoes and linens by the generality of people in this kingdom; that having had very little vent for some time past, they are so overstocked with all sorts of wrought goods that they are no longer able to carry on their trade; that they have been compelled to lessen their looms and discharge many of their people, and were it not for hope, one half of the remainder would be turned out of work. Further, that white calicoes are a foreign manufacture purchased in East India with bullion exported hence; that about 800 persons are employed in printing and staining calicoes and linens; that the major part of the masters and chief workmen are French Roman Catholics, who settled this trade here after it was prohibited in France, and two thirds are labourers, women and children, who are not fit for any other employment; that altho' the duties on these printed goods amount to a considerable sum, yet the excise, &c., produce most when the poor are fully employed, and on the contrary, they always decline as domestic trade decreases. It is frequently objected against the weavers (1) that the want of employment arises from the greater number of apprentices and journeymen taken by the masters; (2) that it is unreasonable that people should clothe themselves in their manufactures, when they can buy printed calicoes and linens at a much cheaper rate. In answer to the first, the weavers, in obedience to the Order in Council of 4 May 1670, admitted many foreign weavers to their fellowship, but for 10 years past they have bound no more than 3,213 apprentices, and those privately bound cannot exceed one third more. In the last seven years they have bound at Canterbury but 85, and at Norwich their trade is so bad that not one eighth of the weavers have any apprentices. In answer to the second objection, the weavers have produced several patterns of their own manufactures, and of printed calicoes and linens, to show that the common people may furnish themselves at about one and a half or two thirds less than the printed calicoes or linens. Several of the manufacturers, for want of subsistence at home, have been seduced into France, and probably into other countries, to carry on their trade. Implore his Majesty in order to retrieve the manufactures at home, and to prevent the setting them up abroad, to prohibit the wearing of printed and stained calicoes and linens.

The *Levant Company* have also complained against the wearing of calicoes, and are of opinion that the trade to Turkey cannot be carried on if printed calicoes and linens are generally used, and that it is necessary that the silk and other manufactures made in this kingdom should be supported and the printed calicoes and linens prohibited. Before the Act 11 & 12 Guil. III. the trade to Italy was at a very low ebb, but that law revived the silk trade until interrupted by the clandestine importation of foreign manufactures, and the almost universal wear of printed calicoes and linens.

The *East India Company*, on the other hand, represent that they have the entire trade to and from the East Indies, as prescribed by Parliament, and the importation complained of is a national benefit.

The *Linen Drapers* say that thousands of poor families heretofore employed in weaving worsted stuffs now want work. The high duties on calicoes have made them too high to interfere with any worsted stuffs for women's use. Further say that a great deal of bullion has been exported to Turkey, and great sums to Italy, instead of woollen manufactures for raw silks. The cost of calicoes consumed here amounts to 30,000*l.* per ann., to purchase which the East India Company has exported annually in English goods 80,000*l.*, and sold the goods at an advance of 50 per cent. The linens printed here are the growth and manufacture of Great Britain and Ireland (except a few German linens for handkerchiefs) The linen drapers further ascribe the diminution (if such there be) to clandestine importation, to the extent of 150,000*l.* per ann., &c. Further refer to a case laid before Parliament at the end of the last reign, wherein the weavers affirmed that the manufacture of silk and woollen goods increased 20 times since 1664, and black silks alone amounted to 300,000*l.* per ann., which is inconsistent with such loud complaints.

The *merchants, &c., for themselves and manufacturers of linen in Scotland*, allege that the linen manufacture of Scotland is as ancient as any manufacture in England, and by the Act of Union they expect care to be taken of it. It is the only manufacture left in Scotland to maintain the poor, since the woollen manufacture of England has totally sunk the woollen manufacture of Scotland. The materials wrought up by the weavers of London are foreign, whereas Scots linen is made of the native product, and almost every village, town, and county in Scotland is concerned in it. Above double the value of English manufacture is consumed in Scotland to that of Scots linen imported into England. The hardships would be the greater on Scotland by discouraging its linen, because the trade of dyeing it is lost, and the using it white is cut out by German linen, so that Scots linen can now be only vended by printing. The duty of 3*d.* per yard on Scots linen printed amounts to near 30 per c^{t} on the prime cost, whereas the London weavers have no duty on their goods. The printers have so improved the art of printing British and Irish linens that the consumption has very much increased. Many thousands are employed on these linens. Have printed large quantities of English calicoes from the plantations, but the duty of 6*d.* a yard has checked the manufacture. They print large quantities of white calicoes imported from India, which are the return of our woollen and English goods. The improvement of the calicoes by printing and duty exceeds that of any English manufacture made of foreign materials, and ought to have the preference. The printed calicoes do not interfere with the woollen manufacture, but if they interfere with the silk the improvement on the prime cost is greater, and much more advantageous to the nation. The foreign-wrought silks legally imported amount to a greater sum than the printed calicoes consumed, notwithstanding the improvement thereon. The clandestine running of foreign silks exceeds that of printed calicoes. Have been at great costs to carry on the trade.

[Having recited the foregoing] the Com^rs lay before his Majesty the state of this matter, viz.:—The consumption of unwrought silks increased annually after the Restoration, and those of our own manufacture were exceedingly discouraged by importation from France and other countries. [Here the imports are set out, and the history of the trade is traced. Among other matters they state that]:—Between 1685 and 1688 there were annually imported 109,626 cwt. of wrought silks. The Revolution put an end to this, and the silk manufacture again revived, and since 1688 it has increased by 400,000*l*. per ann.; and another happy effect of these prohibitions is the increase of the manufactures of woollen and worsted stuffs mixed with silk thread; and as the consumption has increased at home, so the demand for exportation has prevailed. In 1688 this manufacture was very inconsiderable, but from 1712 to 1716 there was exported 3,596,384 cwt. per ann., and without prejudice to the woollen manufacture, which had increased from 2,626,000*l*. to 3,288,000*l*. "Several other instances might be likewise given to prove that our foreign trade has been promoted and extended by the said prohibitions." [Here follow various statistics.] It being therefore self-evident that printed and stained calicoes and linens are used and worn by almost all sorts of people in this kingdom, and that every piece so worn prevents the consumption of the same quantity of our woollen and silk manufactures, it must be concluded that the complainants have been and are exceedingly discouraged, and their trade prejudiced thereby, tho' they cannot pretend to ascertain the quantum. Conclude that the greatest part of the printed calicoes have been clandestinely imported. Recommend that the wearing of printed calicoes be prohibited.

Although considerable quantities of British and Irish linens have been printed and consumed, and the manufacture ought to be cherished, yet this kingdom is a mart for foreign linens to the value of 800,000*l*. per ann., which pay high duties on importation, and it cannot be any hardship on the linen manufacture to vary those sorts that are now used for printing, to such sorts as are wanted. It particularly concerns "the North Britains" to consider the advantages they enjoy by the consumption of their thread or linen yarns in the stuff manufactures. Upon the whole, it is a matter of the greatest importance to this kingdom to support the woollen and silk manufactures; and as at least ⅔ of the woollen and almost all the silk manufactures made in Great Britain are consumed at home, it is reasonable and necessary that the expense of foreign manufactures should be prevented as much as possible, because they always interfere with and obstruct the consumption of our own. Since printed calicoes are generally worn, in opposition to British manufactures, notwithstanding the duties, the Com^rs advise that a law prohibiting the same be passed to include wholesome severities against smuggling. Further propose that the laws for preventing the exportation of wool be further explained and put into execution, and that a bounty be allowed on the exportation of wrought silk. Whitehall, 12 Dec. 1719. (Copy.)

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. 22, p. 234, 14 Dec. 1719, is:—

"Several directors of the E. I. Comp^{a} are call'd in. My L^{d} Sunderland tells them that the design of their meeting was to consult the proper methods to ease the weavers of the hardships they lye under, and to give the Comp^{a} all the assistance and encouragement that can be thought of. They present a mem^{ll} which they say contains the substance of what they have to say upon this head. The mem^{ll} is read.

"M^{r} Dawson recounts the sev^{ll} expenses they have been at in fortifying sev^{ll} places in India, and the priviledges granted to the Comp^{a} by the Great Mogul. That if the Parliam^{t} prohibits the importation of stain'd callicoes, the vent of our commoditys, w^{ch} are sent thither in exchange for them will naturally be stopped. That the ground of the complaint of the weavers is:—1st The great number of apprentices taken by them, which makes it impracticable to find full employment for them all, and the great difference in the charge of workmanship between those made in India and here, and the excessive dutys layd upon them.

"They all agree that it is of absolute necessity to find out some effectual way to distinguish the India goods from those made here, and that a stamp upon each piece of callicoe so imported, and a great penalty upon those who counterfeit or otherwise elude the force of such a law will be the best method to answer that end.

"Sir Gregory Page says:—If a prohibition upon the stain'd callicoes takes place, all the Comp^{a} settlements on the coast of Coromandel, which depend upon the fabrick of callicoes, must be ruined, and instead of such prohibition being an advantage to the weavers, it will let in all the stain'd and striped linnens from Hamburgh and Holland, which are more expensive and less lasting than those made here, as was the case upon the prohibition in 1701." 30 *pages*.

21 Dec. 16. "Copie of a lr̃e frõ Col. Rhett ab^{t} an insurrection in South Carolina."

The people of this province have lately run into rebellion and deposed their Governor, Robert Johnson, Esq., and all his Council, and all officers that were in commission from Lord Carteret and the rest of the Lords proprietors of the Colony, and have set up Col. James Moore, a planter, as governor. Their chief pretence in raising this sedition is to take the Lords' charter from them and bring the province under the immediate care and government of his Majesty. What they charge Lord Carteret and the proprietors with, is a mere sham. They were ever raising mutinies and commotions. A little time past they rebelled against his Majesty in calling together 70 or 80 men to fire upon the "Shoreham," man-of-war. At this time

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the writer was shot through the body, and the wound is hitherto incurable. Some of those who are the principal contrivers of this rebellion are the persons that were so active in that barbarous action. Several of the leading men have been the most concerned in a notorious clandestine trade, particularly Mr Samuel Eveleigh, who has been often complained of by Col. Quarry and the writer. He is now made one of the Council in this rebellious usurpation. If they are not cropped in the bud they will set up for themselves against his Majesty, as well as the proprietors. They are in debt to the Lords for rent of land a great many thousands of pounds, and they have taken this rebellious method to pay their old scores. Sir Hovenden Walker has been one of the chief incendiaries, and it is by his scheme that they model their present government. He is made president of their council. South Carolina, 21 Dec. 1719.

Minuted:—"16th Feb. 1719–20. Read. A copie of this to be sent to Mr Secry Craggs." 2½ *pages*.

22 Dec. 17. "Memorial of the Bank of England, touching the Equivalent Charter," to the Lords of the Treasury. Dated Bank, 22 Dec. 1719.

[More particularly referred to in the report of the Attorney-General of the previous 27 Nov.]

Minuted:—"22d Decr 1719. Read." 2 *pages*.

22 Dec. 18. Report of the Barons of the Exchequer, Scotland, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Thomas Pringle, Deputy Keeper of the King's Signet in Scotland. The petitioner was appointed by Viscount Townsend and Earl Stanhope, and was continued in office by the Duke of Roxburgh. The Keepers of the Signet were allowed between them before the Union a salary of 100*l*. per annum, but this was not continued on the establishment since the Union. Have no authority for paying any such salary. If his Majesty allows it they have nothing to say against it. Edinburgh, Exchequer Chamber, 22 Dec. 1719.

Minuted:—"8th June 1720. Agreed to. Prepare a warrt accordingly. 15th June 1720. Warrt signd."

Also the petition. 2 *pages*.

22 Dec. 19. Report of [Anthony Cracherode, Esq.] to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of William Nost, journeyman printer, who claimed to have served the Government as the only discoverer and witness against Mr Howell, the non-juring parson, for publishing, and Mr Redmayne for printing a libel, entitled, *The case of schism in the Church of England truly stated*. Petitioner received a reward of 200*l*., besides a weekly subsistence, whilst engaged in the service. The allegations are true, but the reward was very sufficient, and even generous. Dated 22 Dec. 1719.

Minuted:—"5th July 1720. My Lords think the reward of 200li already given him to be sufficient."

Also his petition. 2 *pages*.

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[? About 24 Dec.] 20. Petition of Thomas Sabourne, of Newcastle, master tailor, to the King [setting out the same particulars as are given in his petition of 10 Oct.], asking that his services might be considered, and that his son might have the appointment of King's waiter.

Referred to Anthony Cracherode, Esq., for his report. 24 Dec. 1719. 1 *page.*

[25 Dec.] 21. "An account showing the amount of the expence of his Ma^{ts} foreign ministers for one year, as also what is in arrears thereupon at Mich̃as 1719."

Also duplicate thereof, with one or two trifling variations. "State of the debt to foreign ministers at Xm̃as 1719." 3 *pages.*

1719. 22. Abstract of the out-pensioners of Chelsea Hospital for the year 1719. 1 *page.*

[? 1719.] 23. "Supplys for the years 1715, 1716, 1717, 1718, & 1719."

A paper thus docqueted containing totals under navy, ordnance, and forces. 1 *page.*

[? End of 1719.] 24. "An abstract of the severall Acts of Parlmt for stating and determining the equivalent debt of Scotland, with the proceedings thereupon." 2 *pages.*

[After 31 Dec.] 25. "Petition of divers merchants trading to America, and others who are possessed of Bounty Bills for importing naval stores from our plantations."

The course of the navy is more than two years in arrear, and since the bills have been postponed and not paid in course, the discount has advanced to above 30 per cent. Pray that the bills may be paid up to the 31st of Dec. 1719.

Numerous signatures.

Minuted:—"14th July 1721. To be considerd when Sir Geo. Byng's next mem^{ll} is considerd." 1 *page.*

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26. Letters from the Admiralty Office, chiefly from J. Burchett to the Secretaries of the Treasury, on the following subjects, viz., the sending back to France of certain French seamen, with whom it had been proposed to man the fleet; poundage of the marine regiments; an insult suffered by Captain Boyle, Commander of H.M. ship "Worcester," a mob being raised against him at the instigation of the Collector of Excise of Orkney; convoys to Gibraltar;

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Mr. Bridger, late Surveyor of Woods in New England, and the spoil of woods; deeds and writings relating to the purchase of the houses or ground belonging to the Admiralty Office. 20 *pages and* 4 *halves.*

27. Reports of the Comrs for examining debts due to the Army, addressed to the King on the following subjects, viz., (1) the demand of the King of Poland for arrears due to the Saxon troops [*Minuted:*—"10th January 1718. The Auditors of Imprests to prepare a sign manual. Warrant signd."]; (2) demands of Viscount Shannon for wagon money, &c. [*Minuted:*—"5th March 1710–19. Audrs impts to prepare a sign manual for so much of these demands as shall appear to them to be within the power given to the Commrs by any Act or Acts of Parlt." "9th Do. Warrt signd."]; (3) demands of Sir Daniel Carroll for horses bought and recruits raised [*Minuted:*—"22d July 1719. Prpare a sign manual."]; (4) demands of the King of Denmark, the Bp and Prince of Munster, the Prince of Oost Friezland and Mons. Jamaert for arrears to their troops [*Minuted:*—"20th Feb. 1718–19. To Audrs Imprests to prepare a sign manual. Warrt signd 25th Febr."]; (5) demands of the regiments of Caris and Delsuperche [*Minuted:*—5th March 1718–19. To Audrs Imprests to prepare a sign manual. Warrt signd 9th Do."]; (6) demand of Col. Charles Stratton, late Quarter-Master Genl of the Forces in Scotland, whose office was discontinued on the Union, for 20*s.* a day [*Minuted:*—22d July 1719. Agreed"]; (7) demand of Mr. Zeger Goris, Mr Pierre Pangaert and others, late contractors for forage to the forces in the Low Countries in the campaign of 1711, to make good a loss by the enemy, who burnt twelve vessels with forage for the army on the river Scheldt, 9 May 1711 [*Minuted:*—"22d July 1719. Sign manual to be ꝓpared by ye Auditors"]; (8) demand of Sir Solomon de Medina, late contractor for bread and bread wagons in the Low Countries [*Minuted:*—"Audrs report read 30 Oct. 1719, and my Lords order that this be transmitted again to the audrs to prepare a wt accordingly"]; (9) demands of the King of Poland for arrears to his troops [*Minuted:*—"9th June 1719. To Audrs imprests to prepare a sign manual. Warrt signd 5th Augt 1719"]; (10) demands of several regiments that served in Spain or Portugal [*Minuted:*—"23d July 1719. Audrs to prepare a warrt"]; (11) demand of the executor of Major Peter Browne, deceased, late engineer at Gibraltar, for his pay [*Minuted:*—"23 July 1719. Audrs to ꝓpare a warrant"] (12) demand of the King of Denmark for several arrears of pay during the late war [*Minuted:*—"6th August 1719. The Audrs Imprests to prepare a sign manual"]; (13) demands for forage by the Colonels of the Royal regiment of North British dragoons [*Minuted:*—"27 Augt 1719. Audrs to prepare a S.M."]: (14) demand of the King of Portugal for arrears of subsidy, &c., for his troops [*Minuted:*—"28 Augt 1719. To Audrs to prepare a sign manl"]; (15) demands for arrears to his Majesty's troops of Hanover, and for those of the King of Prussia, the Bishop, and Prince of [Munster], the Bp of Osnabrugg, the Prince of Oost Frizeland, and the regiments of Caris, Jamaert, and Delsuperche [*Minuted:*—"9th Sepr

1719. To Aud^rs imp^ts to prepare a sign manual"]; (16) demands by M^r Peter La Ponge for salaries unpaid to officers in her late Majesty's hospital in Spain in the year 1712 [*Minuted*:—"9^th Sept^r 1719. To Aud^rs imprests to prepare a sign manual"]; (17) demands of the King of Sardinia for subsidy for his troops [*Minuted*:—"22^d Dec^r 1719. Read. The Aud^rs to prepare a S.M. for the sum of 80,474*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, and not to insert the demand of 30,058*l.* 7*s.* 4*d.* for the reasons mentioned in this report"]; (18) demands of officers of Col. James Tyrrel's late regiment of foot [*Minuted*:—"5^th Feb. 1719–20. The Aud^rs imprests to prepare a S. Manual for these allow^ces"] 39 *pages*, 4 *halves.*

28. Four certificates, signed "Holles Newcastle," of admissions to the office of Gentlemen of the Bedchamber of the following persons, viz., the R^t Hon. Robert, Earl of Holderness, R^t Hon. Edw. Henry, Earl of Warwick, the R^t Hon. Peregrine, Marquis of Lindsey, and the R^t Hon. Scroop, Earl of Bridgewater. 9 May 1719. 4 *pages.*

VOL. CCXXIV. 1719. CLASSIFIED. PART II.

1. Reports of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on various petitions relating to exports of wool, contraband goods seized, &c. Amongst the matters reported on to their Lordships were:—Seizure by an officer of the Custom House of the clothes of the Duchess de la Force, sent as a present from France, of which the Duchess prayed for the King's moiety; incivility complained of by the Dutch officers in the examination of their baggage; goods run on the coasts of Essex, Suffolk, Norfolk, Kent, and Sussex; the appointment of M^r John Eldridge as the successor to the Deputy Controllership of Bristol. [The port is said to be the second in England]; frauds in importing French wines from Scotland into England, and estates of M^r John Sanson, late collector of Bristol. 30 *papers or sets of papers.*

2. Reports of the Com^rs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury relating to the produce of the hereditary and temporary excise, the use of molasses in brewing beer, the duties on hides, the produce of duties, and of the Civil List revenues under their care. 23 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

VOL. CCXXV. 1719. Classified. Part III.

1. Various financial papers, including such as relate to the South Sea Fund, state of supplies, Civil List revenues, state of the general fund for annuities, account of army debentures, aggregate fund, lottery papers, arrears paid out of her late Majesty's Civil List, debts at the Exchequer, &c. 61 *pages, many of them brief size.*

2. Letters of the Com^rs of the Navy addressed to the Treasurer of the Navy or to the Secretaries of the Treasury, relating to the payment of wages of workmen at the yards, and men in the navy, and to felling timber for the navy (which is said to be much better felled in the winter than in the summer). One of them, however, relates to an inquiry as to what houses, &c. employed in the business and affairs of the navy for the King's service, have been purchased by the Crown, and where the deeds and other assurances, vesting the same in the Crown, are now remaining, and may be found. With this is a schedule of the dates and titles of the deeds. 16½ *pages.*

3. Memorials of the Board of Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury, setting out their pressing necessity for money for their office. Also applying for furniture for the barracks at Berwick. Also an estimate. 8½ *pages.*

4. Estimates of the charges of guards, garrisons, &c., memorials and other papers connected with the Paymaster-General's department. Also one or two connected with the pensions of Chelsea Hospital. 43 *pages or parts of pages.*

5. Reports to the Lords of the Treasury, on the cases of persons suspended from receiving pensions. Signed: "Walter Chetwynd." 3 *pages.*

6. Reports of the Com^rs for Taxes to the Lords of the Treasury: (1) on the petition of Edward Conway, Esq., late Receiver-General of Chester and part of North Wales; (2) on the arrears of M^r Croker, Receiver-General of the county of Oxford; (3) on the petition of Adlord Bowde, of Hertford, who prayed to be appointed a Surveyor of Windows on account of the disaffection to the King and Government of William Stone, a Surveyor of Duties on Houses in Hertfordshire. 8 *pages.*

7. Various papers relating to the tin belonging to his Majesty, principally tenders to purchase the same. 13 *pages.*

8. Papers, accounts, estimates, &c. connected with the transport service. 21 *pages or parts of pages.*

9. Papers connected with the affairs of the Board of Works, including such as relate to the debt of the office. 28 *pages or parts of pages.*

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Documents for which a brief description suffices.

Date.	Description of Document.	From	To	Purport.
After 1718.	1. —	The King - -	—	"Copy of draft of instructions for regulating the office of the Great Wardrobe, and passing the accompts thereof." 7 *pages*.
5 Jan.	2. Letter - -	Lord Stanhope -	Lords of the Treasury.	About a ship stopped at Portsmouth on suspicion of being bound for Spain with nava stores. Letter enclosed. 2 *pages*.
6 Jan.	3. Do. -	Lord Lieut. of Ireland (Bolton).	Do. - -	Transmitting the accounts of Brigadier Munden and Col. Nevill for loss of several horses in the passage of their regiments to Ireland. 1 *page*.
9 Jan.	4. Do. -	John Huggins -	"Your Lordship."	Recommending Mr. Jackson, the master mason, as an old officer of the Crown, to do certain building work. [Not mentioned where.] *Minuted*: — "13 Janry. 1718. Mr. Jackson to send his proposal." 1 *page*.
17 Jan.	5. Certificate -	[? Comrs. of] Customs.	Lords of the Treasury.	In favour of Mr. Henry Stanley being Collector of Poulton, Lancashire. 1 *page*.
[? About 20 Jan.]	6. Petition -	Bernard Naminck, of London, merchant.	Do. - -	As to importation of hogs' bristles dressed and undressed. *Minuted*: — "20 Janry. 1718. Refd. to Commrs. Cust. to consider and report a true state, with their opinion. W. L." 3 *pages*.
30 Jan.	7. Do. -	Miles Stedman, a landwaiter of the port of London.	The Earl of Sunderland.	For permission to exchange his appointment with Mr. George Eyre, a landwaiter at Lyme. *Minuted*;—"Rejected." Also another petition from him praying to resign his office to Mr. Edw. Howarth, that he may reside in the country and discharge his duties as a justice of the peace. 4 *pages*.

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[? About Jan.]	8. Report - -	R. Powys - -	Lords [of the Treasury].	On the pretensions of Henry Neal, Esq., late Surveyor of Minorca, for payment of 1,741*l.* 17*s.*, due in the late Queen's time, and 1,047*l.* since H.M. Accession. *Minuted*:—"The petr. is to shew what revenue in Minorca can answer his demand." Also the petition of Henry Neale and an account. 3 *pages.*
4 Feb.	9. Representation	Directors of the East India Co., by their Secretary.	Do.	On the delay of the supply of saltpetre to the Ordnance Department, and the discount on the tallies for the same. 1 *page.*
18 Feb.	10. Letter - -	Fr. Negus - -	Mr. Clayton -	Asks for 1,000*l.* on account of contingencies of H.M. stables. On the back is a *Minute*, which apparently has no connexion with the letter, viz.:—"Lady Inchiquin is to be restored to her penc'on. 9th May 1719. Warrt. signd." 1 *page, quarto.*
19 Feb.	11. Bonds - -	Governor and Co. and cashiers of the Bank of England.	The King -	For payment of 300,000*l.* if their cashiers fail to pay to the Receipt of Exchequer the money received by lottery and loans, to cancel Exchequer Bills. 2 *pages.*
20 Feb. &c.	12. Memoranda -	—	—	As to addresses touching grants of any part of the West Indies ceded by the Treaty of Utrecht, and as to land at St. Christopher's. ½ *page.*
[? About Feb.]	13. Certificate -	—	Lords of the Treasury.	In favour of Robert Anderson, Esq., as a riding officer, who had been superseded in the port of Sunderland by John Johnson. Undated. *Minuted*:—"When there is a proper vacancy." Also a memorandum as to the appointment of Johnson. 2 *pages.*
9 March	14. Petition -	William Davis -	Do. - -	Asks to be minuted for the next land-waitership of the port of London. At the foot is a testimonia. with 12 signatures. 1 *page.*

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11 March	15. Bonds - -	Governor and Company of the Bank of England and their cashiers.	Lords of the Treasury.	For payment of 300,000*l.*, if their cashiers fail to pay the moneys received by them under the Act for Duties on Coal, &c. 2 *pages.*
11 March	16. Memorial -	J. Holbech - -	Do. - -	For the issue of the money for the Maundy. *Minuted* : — "19 Mar. 1718–19. Maundy ordered." 1 *page.*
14 March	17. Do. -	J. Hancock, for the Earl of Cadogan.	Do. - -	For 2,240*l.* in payment for the robes. 1 *page.*
18 March	18. Letter - -	Lord Stanhope -	Do. - -	For 1,000*l.* for messengers' expenses. *Minuted* :—"Order'd." 1 *page, quarto.*
18 March	19. Do. - -	Do. - -	Do. - -	For the immediate payment to Mr. Whitworth of his arrears of ordinaries and extraordinaries as the King is about sending him to Berlin for some time on important affairs. 1 *page, quarto.*
[After 23 March.]	20. Memorial -	Major-Genl. Sabine, Royal Welsh Fusiliers.	Do. - -	For payment of the clearings and off-reckonings. 1 *page.*
24 March	21. Letter - -	Lord Stanhope -	Do. - -	For the issue of the necessary sums for provisions and shipping for 4,000 men. 1 *page, quarto.*
[? About 28 March.]	22. Petition -	Nathaniel Cooms -	The Earl of Sunderland, First Lord of the Treasury.	Prays on account of his zeal for King George, since "the late Revolution," to be made a King's weigher at the Custom House. *Minuted* :—"28th March 1719. Agreed to if there is a vacancy." 1 *page.*
3 April	23. Letter - -	J. Craggs - -	Lords of the Treasury.	For 5,000*l.* to be paid to the Earl of Stair, on account of his extraordinary expenses and services. *Minuted* : — "6th April 1719. Prepare a warrant. Warrt. signed 7th do." 1 *page.*

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6 April	24. Letter - -	Sir Wm. Daines -	Lords of the Treasury.	Has been M.P. for Bristol for about 20 years, at a cost of above 10,000*l*. Prays appointment of his sister's son, Mr. Thomas Cary, as a landwaiter. *Minuted:* — "6th April 1719. Agreed to upon a vacancy." 1 *page.*
6 April	25. Petition and recommendation.	John Llewelling -	The Earl of Sunderland.	To be appointed to command a vessel, to be called "the Holmes," to be employed on the Holme Islands to prevent smuggling. *Minuted:* — "7th April 1719. Agreed to upon a presentment." 2 *pages.*
7 April	26. Letter -	Lord Stanhope -	Lords of the Treasury.	For the payment of the account of the disbursements made by Col. Congreve, who was directed by the King to treat of a peace or truce with the Emperor of Morocco. *Minuted:* — "15th April 1719. Prepare a warrt." 1 *page.*
7 April	27. Do. -	Comrs. of Customs, Scotland.	Do. - -	As to the freight of 16,786 bushels. *Minuted:* — "13th April 1719. To Comrs. Victual for their opinion." 1 *page.*
9 April	28. Do. -	Lord Stanhope -	Do. - -	For directions to be given for paying 50*l*. to the Marquis de Villalibre, to enable him to go out of England. *Minuted:* — "11th April 1719. Prepare a warrant. Warrt. signd 14th." 1 *page.*
9 April	29. Do. -	Do. - - -	Do. -	For 300*l*. to be paid to Col. de la Bouchetiere, who was sent "to France on a commission of consequence." *Minuted:* — "13th April 1719. Warrt. sign'd." 1 *page.*
14 April	30. Certificate ·	Sir Roger Mostyn	Do. - -	As to debentures made forth by him since the 22nd of Aug. 1718. 1 *page.*
18 April	31. Report - -	Comrs. of Customs, Scotland.	Do. - -	Gross frauds committed at the port of Inverness by the Collector and his friends. 2 *pages.*

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20 April	32. Memorial	Mr. Auditor Walpole	Lords of the Treasury.	As to the casual revenue in the Leeward Caribbee Islands. Clement Crooke, Esq., has been recommended as receiver thereof. *Minuted:* — "9th May 1719. Agreed to." 1 *page.*
22 April	33. Memorial	Edw. Young, Surveyor of Woods.	Do.	Recommending the payment of keepers' salaries of the New Forest by the woodward there. *Minuted:* — "Prepare a warrt. on Lord Wm. Powlett's memll." With petition of the Lord Willm. Pawlett enclosed, for payment of a year's salary of the officers of the above forest. 2 *pages.*
24 April	34. Warrant, draft	Lords of the Treasury	"To all," &c.	Constitution of managers for taking in tickets, &c. of the Lottery, 1710 by subscription into South Sea Stock. 1 *page, brief size.*
"April"	35. Petition	Zacharias Stichall	Lords of the Treasury.	For a tidesman-in-fee's place in the Port of London. Certificate at the foot in his favour. *Minuted:* — "16th July 1719. No vacancy." 1 *page.*
4 May	36. Letter	J. Craggs	Do.	For 1,000*l.* to be paid to Col. Wm. Stanhope for field equipage. *Minuted:* — "Orderd." 1 *page, quarto.*
5 May	37. Do.	Will. Guidott	The Hon. Wm. Clayton, Esq.	Testifies to his knowledge of the persons signing the accompanying certificate in favour of Mr. Samuel Whislad, who was applying for a land-waitership at Southampton. *Minuted:* — "5th May 1719. Agreed to for —— Price, recommended by Sr. Robt. Worsley. This man to have a place of equal value when vacant." 2 *pages.*
7 May	38. Letter	Lord Stanhope	Lords of the Treasury.	"For 1,000*l.* to be deposited with the Treasurer of the Chamber for the messengers." *Minuted:*—"Lre. signed." 1 *page, quarto.*

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[? About 9 May.]	39. Petition -	Frances Wyndham -	Lords of the Treasury.	For payment of 2,550*l.* due at Midsummer 1714, and other sums, being arrears of a pension of 200*l.* a year each, granted to Rachel Wyndham and Frances Wyndham, daughters of Sir Francis Wyndham, Bart., and Ann Wyndham, the pension being originally granted to the latter for services rendered to K. Charles II. after the battle of Worcester. *Minuted :* — "9th May 1719. To be paid when other pensions are satisfied." 1 *page.*
[? About 9 May.]	40. Do. -	William Chamberlaine, late Collector of Customs of Exeter.	Do. - -	Praying to be restored to his place, to which he was appointed for detecting Daniel Richardson, the Incident Clerk in the Controller-General's office, in the greatest fraud ever discovered in the Customs. Copy of presentment relating thereto, and a certificate in his favour; with numerous signatures. *Minuted :* — "9th May 1719. The Comrs. of Cust. to present him upon the first vacancy." 3 *pages.*
[? About 9 May.]	41. Do. -	Lieut.-Col. Charles Dalbenas.	Do. - -	For arrears of half-pay in Ireland. *Minuted :* — "My Lords cannot direct this. 9 May 1719." 1 *page.*
[? About 9 May.]	42. Memorial -	General Erle - -	Do. - -	For five quarters of his pension of 1,200*l.* a year granted for his hardships and wounds. *Minuted :* — "9th May 1719. To be considered when the pensions are paid at the Exchr." 1 *page.*
[? About 9 May.]	43. Petition -	Catherine Barret, widow and relict of Col. John Barret.	His "Lordship"	Has had an application for four years before his Lordship for a pension, having lost a considerable "joynter" by these Revolutions; prays relief. *Minuted :* — "9th May 1719. Rejected." 1 *page.*

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[? About 9 May.]	44. Petition -	Dame Mary FitzHarris, widow of Sir Henry FitzHarris, Bart., deceased.	Lords of the Treasury.	Received only the King's bounty of 20*l.* Her husband being a lieutenant in the "Kingston," was (in 1704) drowned in actual service, and the Admiralty refused her relief. Prays for a further sum to save her from prison. *Minuted :* — "9th May 1719. Rejected." 1 *page.*
[? About 9 May.]	45. Do. -	Captain Henry Dalbenas.	Do. - -	For restoration to his pension of 4*s*, per day, being left out of the Irish list in 1703. *Minuted :*—"9 May 1719. My Lords can advise nothing upon the revenue, being already overburthened." 1 *page.*
[? About 9 May.]	46. Petition -	Sir Philip Meadows, Knt., heir and executor of his father, Sir Philip Meadows, Knt. deceased.	Do. - -	For three quarters and 81 days' arrears of his father's pension of 600*l.* per ann. *Minuted :*—"9 May 1719. Bring a certificate from the Exchequer." 1 *page.*
[? About 9 May.]	47. Do. -	Penelope Clarke -	Do. - -	For payment of a pension, granted to her mother, her father having been killed in resisting the Irish at Gravesend in the reign of King James II. *Minuted :* — "Rejected." 1 *page.*
[? About 9 May.]	48. Do. -	Younger Cook -	Do. - -	Prays to be appointed surveyor of the window lights. *Minuted :*—"9 May 1719. There is no vacancy." With certificate at the foot in his favour. 1 *page.*
[? About 9 May.]	49. Do. -	Anne Babington, widow of the late Col. Babington.	Do. - -	For payment of the pension of 100*l.* per ann., originally granted to her out of the pay of the Governor of Berwick, and afterwards out of the contingencies of the guards and garrisons. *Minuted :* — "9th May 1719. To Lord Lincoln." 1 *page.*
[? About 9 May.]	50. Do -	Mary Hill, widow -	Do. - -	Prays for some of the money to be disposed of in charity. There was 1,000*l.* due to her husband, Nicholas Hill, a messenger of the Chamber in King William's time. *Minuted :*—"There is no money. 9 May 1719." 1 *page, quarto.*

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[? About 9 May.]	51. Petition -	John Angell, junr. -	Lords of the Treasury.	For a tidesman's place in fee in the port of London. Also certificate at the foot in his favour. *Minuted*:—"Rejected. 9 May 1719." 1 *page*.
[? About 9 May.]	52. Do. -	Richard Hamersley -	—	Prays to be appointed Surveyor of Taxes, London, as he is well assured that the present surveyor will soon be discharged for remissness. *Minuted*:—"9 May 1719. Rejected." ½ *page*.
[? About 9 May.]	53. Do. -	Rt. Hon. Castiliana, Countess Dowager of Cavan.	The King - -	To be again put on the pension list, her son, Oliver, having obtained the pension which she had enjoyed. *Minuted*:—"Rejected. 9th May 1719." 1 *page*.
[? About 9 May.]	54. Do. -	Adam Batty, tidesman in fee in the port of Bristol.	Lords of the Treasury.	Prays to be continued as deputy coast waiter. *Minuted*: — "9th May 1719 To Comrs. Cust." 1 *page*.
[? About 9 May.]	55. Do. -	Richard Else - -	Do. - -	Prays for employment, his father having served 38 years as midshipman and lieutenant in the Navy. With three certificates. *Minuted*:—"Rejected. 9 May 1719." 1 *page*.
[? About 9 May.]	56. Do. -	Robert Harrington -	The Earl of Sunderland, one of the Lords of the Treasury.	For an appointment as Kings' waiter or landwaiter, with a recommendation of him at the foot. *Minuted*: — "He is provided. 9 May 1719." 1 *page*.
9 May	57. Do. -	Edmund Morgan, gent., one of the sons of Francis Morgan, late of Kingsthorp, Northampton, esq., deceased.	Do. - -	For employment. *Also* recommendation of him, with ten signatures. *Minuted*: — "Rejected." 1 *page*.
[? About 9 May.]	58. Do. -	Charles Dalrymple -	Lords of the Treasury.	For an appointment in the Customs Department, having been recommended by the Earl of Stair. *Minuted*:—"9 May 1719. There is no vacancy." Also copy of the recommendation. 2 *pages*.
[? About 9 May.]	59. Do. -	Charles Cunningham, tidesman in the port of London.	Do. - -	For promotion. *Minuted*: — "9th May 1719. Rejected." 1 *page*.

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[? About 9 May.]	60. Petition -	William Holmes, Treasury Keeper to the Court of Common Pleas.	Lords of the Treasury.	For an allowance of 2*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* per ann. for pens, ink, and sand for the use of the Treasury for about four years past. *Minuted:* — "9th May 1719. Enquire into the fact." 1 *page.*
[? About 9 May.]	61. Do. -	Yeomen of the Guard	Do. - -	For seven months' salary due from her late Majesty. There are also 6,000*l.* due from King Will. III. *Minuted:* — "When the Queen's debts are considered." Also a previous petition to the same effect. 2 *pages.*
[? About 9 May.]	62. Do. -	Robert Bedoc, keeper of the gates leading from the Privy Garden into Cannon Row, Westminster, and the waterside.	Do. - -	Prays for allowance of 3*s.* 4*d.* a day. Has received nothing since the Accession. *Minuted:* —"Rejected. 9 May 1719." 1 *page.*
12 May	63. Do. -	Joseph Shuckforth -	Earl of Sunderland.	To be appointed a tidesman at Great Yarmouth. *Minuted:* —"16 July 1719. The place is disposed." 1 *page.*
15 May	64. Memorial -	John Stone, late Auditor of the Lottery Funds.	Lords of the Treasury.	For powers to finish the Lottery accounts for declaration. *Minuted:* — "16th July 1719. Ordered accordingly." 1 *page.*
[? About 29 May.]	65. Do. -	James Noke, merchant.	Rt. Hon. James Craggs, esq., one of the Principal Secretaries of State.	For the appointment of Examiner of the Out-port Books at the Custom House.
3 June.	66. Letter - -	J. Burchett - -	Charles Stanhope, esq.	Sends copy of the Commission putting the Marine Regiments under the direction of the Prince of Denmark, then Lord High Admiral. Also the copy referred to. 3½ *pages.*
24 June.	67. Account -	—	—	"An accot. of the net produce on printed and stained callicoes, &c. at the Excise Office, and 15 p. cent. on white callicoes at the Custom H. by a medium for the last 5 years." ½ *page.*

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[? About 30 June.]	68. Account and two letters,	—	--	"Account of the salarys and incident charges of the Commissioners of Enquiry, and their officers, from Lady-day to Midsummer 1719." *Minuted:*—"30th June 1719. Read and respited." 4 *pages.*
1 July.	69. Letter - -	George Canvall ? -	The Rt. Hon. Charles, Earl of Sunderland, First Lord of the Treasury.	In favour of the appointment of Mr. Badnage as Surveyor of Houses in North Wales. Is informed the Marquis of Winchester has made interest for that place for one Price, who is not fit for the place, tho' the place may be fit for him. Concludes, "I did depend on your Lordships' and Mr. Chancellor's favour in this affair." *Minuted:* — "July 1st, 1719. Mr. Badnage to be provided for on the next vacancy of this nature in those parts, this vacancy having been lately filled up." 1 *page.*
[? About 1 July.]	70. [Memorial] -	Colonels, Captains, and Clothiers of the Old Marine regiments.	Lords of the Treasury.	Pray for directions to be given to Mr. Auditor Harley for restating the accounts and allowing the off-reckonings of the full number of men according to the Establishments. *Minuted:*—"July 1, 1719. Read and rejected." 1 *page.*
8 July.	71. Certificate -	Comrs. for taking Subscriptions (Lottery 1710.)	Do. - -	State that 1,200,000*l.* 8*s.* were subscribed to the capital stock of the South Sea Company, pursuant to the Act of the last session. 1 *page.*
9 July.	72. Memorial -	Controller and Paymaster of the 1,400,000*l.* Lottery 1714.	Do. - -	For the grant of an apartment to carry on the business. *Minuted:*—" 22nd July 1719. Read and respited." 1 *page.*
13 July.	73. Letter - -	Chr. Delafaye - -	Do. - -	For 100*l.* to be paid to Ensign Hugh McKay as of his Majesty's bounty, for good service in the late action against the rebels at Glenshill, and for coming express with an account of that action. 1 *page.* *Minuted:* — " 15th July 1719. Prepare a warrt. upon lres patent dormt." 1 *page*

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15 July.	74. Petition	Susanna Thomas, spinster, only daughter of Charles Thomas, late of Barbadoes, esq., deceased.	Lords of the Treasury.	For the acceptance of a composition of 2*s.* 6*d.* in the pound on a debt due to the Government from her father's estate, who was Receiver of Casual Revenues and Prize Officer at Barbadoes, the executor pretending that there are no assets. 1 *page.*
15 July.	75. Certificate	Samuel Shute	Do.	John Bridger, esq., the Surveyor, has done his duty in defending H.M. interest in the woods in "both provinces." Boston, New England. 1 *page.*
[? About 15 July.]	76. Memorial	Lottery Officers	Do.	For arrears of salary. *Minuted:* — "15th July 1719. Orderd for these offrs., and the substitutes, clerks, and others concern'd in this office for Midsr. Quar. Lre. signed 16 July 1719." 1 *page.*
16 July.	77. Account	Edwd. Young	—	Works done to the palisadoes in Hyde Park. 16 July 1719. *Minuted:* — "22d July 1719. Respited till Mr. Chancellr. comes." 1 *page.*
17 July.	78. Letter	[Comrs. for Victualling ?].	Mr. Lowndes	Send an account of the produce of a sale of foreign salt consigned to them by the Comrs. of Customs, North Britain. 1 *page.*
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29 Aug.	80. Voucher	Cashier of Customs	—	On account of wine bonds. ½ *page.*
1 Sept.	81. List	—	—	Of accounts unpassed in the office of John Stone, gent. (late Auditor of the Lottery Funds), when his constitution determined. Also warrant in relation to the same. 2 *pages.*
23 Sept.	82. Letter	Comrs of Victualling	Mr. Kelsall	Ask to be reimbursed from the Treasury for victualling the garrisons of Annapolis and Placentia. Also an enclosure. 2 *pages.*

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[? About 14 Oct.]	84. Memorial -	John Mulcaster, appointed to receive balances due from paymasters to the garrison, &c., at Annapolis Royal.	Lords of the Treasury.	For issue of money due from Mr. Gordon to memorialist. *Minuted;*—"14th Octor. 1719. Letter to ye Exchequer to issue to ye Earl of Lincolne the 600li. paid in by Gordon. The same to be detained by his Lopp. till further order." 1 *page.*
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10 Nov.	86. Letter - -	Ro. Brice ["Baron Price"].	William Lowndes, esq.	Pressing for the appointment of Georg Hyel to some better place in the Custom House than that of a tidesman, which he held. Serjeants' Inn. *Minuted:*—"10th Novr. 1719. This place is otherwise disposed of." 1 *page.*
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17 Nov.	88. Letter - -	Board of Green Cloth	Do. - -	For payment of 100*l.* as a gratuity to Luder Spiesmaker for the use of Louis Laidé, Master of the Keys at Calais. *Minuted:*—"100li to be paid to Louis Laidez, who brought the present of wine from the Regent of France. 18th Novr. 1719. Ordered Mr. Spiesmaker to receive it." Another letter of 25 June 1719 on the same subject. 2 *pages.*
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